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CIRCULATION OF MESSENGER

December 1951 issue 6200. Only Church publication going into every LDS home of record in its area. The bishops only constant contact with 100 per cent of their flocks.

Albert B. Crandall, 49, the manager of the new Church Farm of 2300 acres on the Sacramento River lives on 15th Ave., Sacmento. His business is that of Bean Brokerage and as part owner and manager of a large cattle ranch near Placerville. He is associated with Holt Realty Co., the LDS realty office which handled the purchase of the Church farm.

1928 to 1931 he was employed by the American Trust Co., in San Francisco; then with the company in Gilroy; and finally in Tracy as branch bank manager. He gained farm managing experience by managing defaulted farms taken over by the bank. Eventually he bought a farm of his own.

Five years ago he left the American Trust Co., to manage the Stanislaus Bean Growers Association, and saw it grow to great size. He resigned in 1950, and now has his own Bean Brokerage Company in Sacramento and cattle ranch near Placerville. He has a daughter, Joan, at Cutters Laboratory, and a son at the BYU and two sons at home.

One place that really appeals to our many H. O. Train hobbyists (which includes as many adults as boys, by the way!) is the Model Craft and Hobby Shop, of 4336 Broadway, Oakland, just across from famous old "Tech High."

The Wilsons keep shop evenings on week days until 9 p.m. for all sorts of hobbyists.

● A recent issue of "Oakland Outlook," the official publication of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce featuring nine full-face photos of newly appointed group chairmen of the club's Ways and Means Committee. Among these nine faces we like to see the smile of Heber James Brown, of the Oakland LDS law firm of Brown, Smith, and Ferguson. "Expanding the membership and increasing the financial support" of the Chamber now rests one-ninth, at least, on our good friend and brother Heber J., it seems. Happy hunting, Heber J.

● A gesture of geneorosity that all too seldom crops up came to our attention at the time of the funeral of Oakland Police officer Eugene Oreto, who recently lost his young life in the line of duty. The funeral was conducted from first to last free by the Albert Engel and Co., at their Laurel Chapel out in the Maxwell district. This is a policy of the company, (and includes the casket and all services) for all police officers dying in the line of duty. In this case the young widow is left with two children and is expecting a third soon.

● Clyde Kleckner of Rodeo Branch has taken over the L'l Abnur Refreshment Stand on San Pablo Ave., at Cutting Blvd. in El Cerrito. He took proprietorship of the stand in September from Elise Fuller who still operates her other refreshment stand at 1484—13th St., San Pablo.

● Elise Picklesimer Fuller, Prop. of L'l Abner Refreshment Stand at 1484 — 13th St., San Pablo in Richmond ward, will soon leave for a month's rest with relatives in Saint George, Utah.

● She informs us that she will be willing to do temple work for local saints while she is in St. George. Sister Fuller may now be reached at the address mentioned above.

● Ted C. Hilton, active son of Eugene and Ruth Hilton, has announced his association with one of the very oldest American life insurance companies, the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States. At present Ted is especially calling attention, he tells us, to the four per cent home loans he can arrange for home owners and home buyers and which Equitable has featured now for many years. This together with Equitable life insurance seems likely to keep Ted reasonably busy. Every good wish.

● Dr. Leslie Paul sees Utah as an unlikely place for atom bomb raid, as he returns from defense conference in Chicago. However, the area would be in grave danger of attacks by bombs of less explosive force.

Berk. Stake Conference Held Nov. 10-11

Presiding General Authority at the conference was Ezra Taft Beneson of the Twelce, and accompanying him was Walter Dansie, General Welfare committeeman; D. Lewellyn (Lew) Roberts, director of Mormon Relationships of Boys Scouts of America; and John L. Herrick, former Mission president and now of the Church Office Building staff.

Heard also at the conference were Bishops Le Roi B. Gardner, Wallace J. Wightman and Charles V. Finell; Elders C. Danton Brough and Bryant Key, returned missionaries; and Lee Kenner of the local LDS Institute.

Furnishing delightful music were two groups: one from Walnut Creek, led by Nico D. Snel, the other the Singing Mothers from Richmond, led by Mrs. Leola Esperson. Mary Russell Burton was at the organ and Betty Morris was at the piano.

A few gems from Elder Benson's sermons are presented:

"The Priesthood is intended to be the Great Brotherhood. No man should be ordained to the Melchizedek priesthood who does not have a testimony of the Gospel. Nothing on earth equals the honor of bearing the Priesthood of God.

We need as a body of Priesthood to go back to original sources and to read the actual word of the Lord, the revelations which have come direct from heaven.

We follow the Prince of Peace and renounce war and seek peace. Will there be more war? The prophecies are explicit. We cannot bring peace by force—it must come from within. The revelations (84:96, 97) says, "For I, the Almighty, have laid my hands upon the nations, to scourge them for their wickedness. And plagues (perhaps including war) shall go forth, and they shall not be taken from the earth until I have completed my work which shall be cut short in righteousness."

There is hope held out still if only the nations will repent and worship God. "I will fortify this land against all nations—if ye hear my words. Unto the righteous this land will always be a land of liberty," the Lord said thru Jacob the Nephite.

"If we, as Latter-day Saints, will be righteous and obedient we may be the actual leaven to save this nation."

NEW AVENUES IN SCOUTING

Elder Lee Roberts, recently appointed director of Mormon relationships by the national Boy Scouts' organization, explained that this new Scout position is a distinct recognition that the saints are not Protestants. There is a director of Catholic relationships, one of Jewish and one of Protestant relationships, Boy Scouts of America, but now for the first time the national officers recognize our Church's distinctive standing as different from all others and have appointed a director of Mormon Relationships.

Elder Roberts addressed a bishops' and Scout Leaders' special meeting. Points he now stresses are that our Church can rise to its opportunities and use Scouting as the greatest ally we have to teach our boys reverence for God, Church attendance and our full Gospel message. The next most important man in any ward is the Scoutmaster. We are losing our boys in droves, almost. We can stop this, by putting Scouting in top position as to leadership, physical plant and program. That is the new Scout objective in the Church today.

1946 AND 1951 COMPARED

....President W. Glenn Harmon pointed out that five years have elapsed since the stake's organization in 1946. He read comparative figures for 1946 and 1951, to wit: fast offering 18.2 cents up to 96.1 cents to date; sacrament meeting attendance 18% to 20%, though the Church average is 24%; ward teaching 24% down to 15%, with Church average 47%. Tithing increase 28%, while the population has increased 35%; missionary work, converts 1946, 22; 1951, 65. Baptized in five years 143 or average of 28 per year. The Phoenix stake has set a goal of two converts per year per missionary. Of our present 65 stake missionaries, 19 are converts. These figures give reason to be happy and also for some sadness in that too many sit by and let too few do the work.

President Harmon called attention to the fact that during the past five years, that is, since the organization of the Berkeley Stake, every bishopric had changed and all stake auxiliary heads except Annette Wood, Stake Primary president. Otherwise the stake presidency and stake patriarch are the only stake officials still serving that were in office in 1946.

Since the stake's organization in 1946 we have lost Brentwood

EZRA TAFT BENSON

Vallejo, Napa and Fairfield. Our stake population in 1946 was 3,446; in 1950, 4,649 members an increase of 35 per cent. Now we have 5,000 members.

In our unified building program we have built and paid for a commodious and beautiful Welfare Center and Bishops' Storehouse. have started the Claremont chapel and acquired the Pittsburg chapel site and buildings. Martinez has finished its secondary building and a new bridge. We have acquired a grand site at little actual cost for a stake tabernacle.

WALTER DANSIE, WELFARE

Elder Dansie is currently head of Deseret Livestock Co., the largest livestock company in Utah. He declared the Welfare program the heart of the second great commandment. Our people always have met new situations courageously. Thus we met the late depression with a Welfare Program. Now the Church owns such things as a coal mine that has yielded 30,000 tons to date, 10,000 of this for welfare. Elder Dansie recently attended a fine meeting in this coal mine 2,000 feet underground.

He declared the monthly fast should extend from eve to eve, two meals, and we should give two ninetieths of our food bill per month.

OTHER CONFERENCE GEMS

Train our youth eventually to manage their lives alone as an aviator is trained by stages until he can fly alone.

A man can rise no higher than the level of his associates. Hence, the dynamics of our constant association with the Spirit of God. —Bishop Le Roi B. Gardner, Berkeley.

Elder C. Denton Brough, returned from West Central States Mission told of a crippled investigator who answered that she would love to read the Book of Mormon if her eyes would permit it. Elders promised if she would try, she could read it. In one month she thereafter read the book thru. She now is president of her local Relief Society.

Elder Bryant Key, (Claremont ward): "All elders are truly representatives of the Lord and of our people.....A clean life is the best testimony anyone can bear..... If you have a superior religion, prove it by living a superior life."

Lee Kenner, LDS Institute: The ultimate in life is something to which we can give the utmost in devotion—something sovereign to which we can give total allegiance. Lacking this, man is insecure and unhappy. Even a majority of Harvard graduates were found to be unhappy in their lives after 25 years. We should live to serve.

SHORT STORIES TOLD BY ELDER BENSON

A man named Paterson was giving courses in public speaking in the East. A Mormon student in the class converted Mr. Paterson to the Gospel and Elder Benson later had the joy of sealing this man to his wife in the Salt Lake Temple. This man went on with his courses in speaking at $15.00 per student and had 700 in the course in Roanoke, Virginia. He taught them Gospel principles which were not named as to their divine source.

A teacher of stenography was accustomed to read to her pupils as practice in shorthand writing. A LDS student persuaded her to read LDS tracts to class as practice. Two converts came from that class as a direct result of this student's action.

How Do You Like Larger Messenger?

This Is Our Enlarged Messenger! Looks Much the Same as Before? Yes, But Each Page Now Wider and Longer: Six Columns Wide In place of Five: **Eighteen** Inches Long, In Place of **Sixteen.** Increase of Printing Space Nearly 50 Per Cent.

With this Christmas number, 1951, The Messenger of Northern California has "enlarged her stakes and increased her strength" for serving San Francisco and Santa Rosa Stakes as well as the original sponsors the Oakland—Berkeley Stakes.

Why The Increase In Size

The number of wards and branches now sending in news and advertisements is 35, located in four sturdy stakes of the Church, whereas 20 wards and branches in two stakes were our patrons prior to 1951. That increase of news and advertisements has created an urgent need for the Enlarged Messenger which now makes her initial bow to it's 6,000 LDS families. In 1946 when the Messenger was revived and first appeared as newsprint tabloid in form, her circulation was 2700. In 1951 we are reaching into more than twice as many homes as we did in 1946.

Each Stake Has Its Separate Section.

Another new departure in the Enlarged Messenger is a separate section for each stake. Large and heavy type headings bearing the various stake names run across the tops of the designated pages. The ward and stakes news and the advertisements of each separate stake will henceforth be found in close proximity to one another.

General news of Church wide or region wide interest will continue to flash on the front page and on the last page. These two outside pages are considered newspapers' two choicest spots. No advertising will appear on these two pages.

Advertisers whose appeal is region wide rather than stake-wide may appear on inside pages which carry news of general interest. Advertisers may stake their preferences.

Does Messenger Advertising Pay?

First of a series of discussions

Some tell us it does; some say it doesn't pay. What's the truth?

It's not always easy to tell and prove it. What causes persons to buy this or that article, and to prefer this or that store? Many things enter in. Sometimes one's preference is like the sedimentary rock—built gradually, imperceptively out of many tiny elements falling into place over a long period of time.

We recall an experience in selecting a brand of hair tonic. This article we had not before included in our toiletery. But one day something prompted us and we made a decision to go down town and buy a hair tonic. What did we "naturally" prefer? Why, "Kremel" of course. And pray, why "Kremel."

Well, we knew absolutely nothing of the other brands, no doubt equally meritorious products. But "Kremel" had been sounded in our ears by Gabriel Heator's words for years. And never before had we been moved to buy. But now, when we finally decided our poor head of hair was not looking fit anymore, the brand we "preferred" was already stamped on our conciousness. Thus "Kremel" got its payoff at long last. But only after a year and more of repetition did the right occasion come!

More next month.

Redwood City Youth A Leader at the BYU

Provo:—William Farnsworth, a junior at Brigham Young university in Provo, Utah, hailing from Redwood City, Calif., was among representatives attending a three-day Rocky Mountain Regional conference of the Association of International Relations clubs held recently at Western State college, Gunnison, Colo.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Yates Farnsworth, Redwood City, Bill was graduated from the Sequoia Union high school and has fulfilled a mission to France for the church.

LIAHONAS CLUB

The Liahona Lodge's "Harvest Moon Highlights" the banquet and program held Monday Nov. 19, 1951 at Alameda's delightful new ward chapel at Grand and Encinal, was a distinct financial and artistic success. None better!

We are informed that the sale of tickets which was headed by Dennis Lauper cleared the Liahona Club some $500. Old friendships were renewed, and happiness shown on pleasant faces. Every seat at the tables which filled the large recreation room was paid for although a few ticket holders were not able to sit at the feast. Wendell Jensen, our genial restauranteur and former bishop of Alameda, served a liberal and delicious ham dinner topped with sumptuous servings of pumpkin pie.

Artistically the evening reached sublime heights in the choice violin selections rendered by Nico Snel junior, and the soulful piano numbers by Nico D. Snel. Everyone thrilled to the sweet voice of Estrella Olszowka, the clever personalities and harmonizing of the San Francisco, and the varied a capella warbling of the Ladies Barber Shop Quartette.

The originality of the skit involving the Liahona Campsite as presented by Dave McLelland and Dave Fry, Carl Thulin, and Maxine Pickett, and talented director and writer, captivated the club members. Dave McLelland's art scroll that provided the painted forest and Liahona campsite background, was clever and most extensive as it unrolled on its framework which had been made by Floyd Pickett and Thos S. Ferguson.

Door prizes were won by the most surprised persons, and added a half-hour of unexpected suspense and merriment to the treat-packed evening.

Imagine, if you will, the huge turkey contributed by "Bill" Heath of the Albany Poultry Co. there on San Pablo near Solano, being won by none other than Berkeley stake's president, W. Glenn Harmon! And the ham from Millwards Market won by Thomas M. Pyne of Oakland ward! The lovely wrist watch contributed by Don Allphin, our Maxwell Park ward jeweler, won by Dr. Douglas Ream! And the electric corn popper contributed by Maltby-Van Noy Hardware stores, thru club V. P. Herb Van Noy, won by our beloved returned missionaries and pop corn addicts, Owen and Mary Stewart of Hayward! Owen had just commented to Mary, "You ought to win that popper you love pop corn so much" when Dennis Lauper almost immediately read off the winner's name, and there it was, this same Owen Stewart Did any concidence contrive so appropriately as that!

But the one door prize drawing that really was constituted pure, unadulterated, tho totally unsuspected, howling irony was when Del Rock, proprietor of the great Low Cost Drug in Berkeley won the box of chocolates that had been donated by Owl Drug Co. thru the courtesy of our old friend, Pope Fleming, store manager. The ironic fact lies in that at the time the thriving Low Cost Drug opened on University Avenue and Shattuck in Berkeley, the Owl Drug store on an adjacent corner went into sudden decline and soon closed and united with a greater Owl store a half mile down Shattuck. Oh, Del, what a howler that drawing was to those who knew of the incident above sketched.

A beautiful aluminum cake set of platter and serving knife contributed by Skagge-Stone Company was won by Francis Winkel, former bishop of Alameda ward. A case of canned tuna and a case

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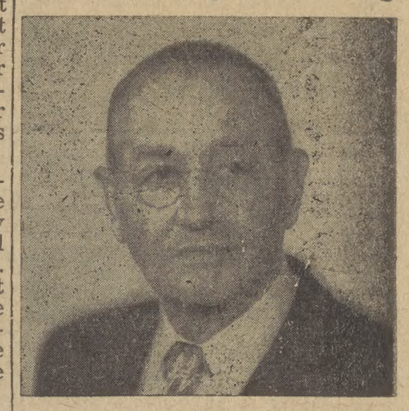
Claude W. Dewscup Writes From London

For the past year and half I have constantly traveled over Wales in the interest of the Church; have visited nearly every branch—some twice. As you know the British Mission ranks high in its work. Our results are good: we have baptized an average of 100 converts every month this year. Of course we have missionaries as far north as the 65th degree of latitude, that is in the Shetland Islands. The thrills in this old country have no limit for it is so fertile in history; one can not travel over any land that dates back B. C, unless he gathers a lot of cobwebs.

I have spent a lot of time on the continent having covered very



thoroughly all the countries and cities of Europe that I have been permitted to visit: Holland, Spain, France, Italy, some islands of the Blue Mediterranean; Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Luxemberg, Belgium Alsace Lorraine, Brittany, the Islands of Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Ione, Isle of Weight and on the west coast; and of course the Orkneys and the Hebredes.

This opportunity of becoming acquainted physically with the nations of the world has given me a world of experience and education that I could never have received otherwise. My visit to Rome increased my testimony so greatly I can never be thankful enough that my people received a testimony of the Gospel here in England and moved to Zion where I was born. I walked over the same ground that Paul, Peter and others of the early church visited and I saw the tombs of scores of great men who were important in the meridian of time.

In a few months I shall return to America. Glad? Of course, for it is Zion, the home of the free. Two years in Europe is quite enough, especially where good is very poor and very scarce.

My love to all my friends.—Signed, C. W. Dewsnup.

First Orinda LDS Public Meeting Held In Community Church

The first public LDS service ever held in Orinda met as a Primary session Thursday afternoon, November 2, 1951, at the Orinda Community church.

Fourteen children were in attendance. Meeting was a distinct success according to Margaret Healy, Altha McManus and Esther Ferguson, Orinda organizers. Berkeley stake Primary officers visiting were President Annette Wood, Marjorie Pyle, Minerva Bailey and Bertha Green.

Two-Ward Pageant

The combined Berkeley wards Mutuals invite you to be a guest at a musical pageant entitled, "The Song of Christmas."

The presentation, which includes a cast of over 60 young people, is under the direction of Berkeley Mutual's choral director Laura Summerhays, and drama director, Margaret Kimber.

The place is Berkeley ward. The night is Friday, December 21. The time in 8:00 p.m., The audience is YOU! So come and bring your friends, a lot of 'em. Come and partake of the spirit of Christmas. Come one! Come all!

Darrell Monson Writes From U. S. Naval School In Monterey

Since coming down to Monterey, I have been given the responsibility of the district MIA (The Monterey Bay District). We have seven branches in the district (Pacific Grove, Santa Cruz, Sunnyvale, Gilroy, Salinas, Harmony Hills and Watsonville. Also, I have organized a choir in our branch (Pacific Grove.)

As for my occupation, I am on the faculty of the U. S. Naval School teaching line officers of the Navy (Lt. J. G., Lt. and Lt. Commanders) subjects in Electrical Eng. I manage in addition to do a bit of pipe and electronic organ consulting, acoustical designing, and am starting to build a house for the family.

We are enjoying life here but haven't reconciled ourselves to the loss of the companionship of all our friends in Oakland. We would like to extend an invitation to all of our friends to visit us whenever they are in the area.

Sincerely Yous,
Darrel Monson

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Claremont Ward

By VIRGINIA WOOD.

Work on Claremont's chapel was slowed up somewhat last month by the rains. Thanksgiving week, when there had been high hopes of a large group of workers, was spoiled by a rain which left the ground too muddy for work. We hope the weather man will come up with some brighter prosepcts for us.

Work director, Heber Ellsworth, reports that every ward in the stake has now participated in the building of Claremont's chapel. The bishopric wishes to express its gratitude to all those who have come out and given a hand in the building program. Special thanks go to those kind women who have supplied refreshments and meals to the workers. Everyone is appreciated who will join our happy band of workers anytime.

Claremont welcomed home one of its fulltime missionaries last month, Brother Bryan Key. Brother Key spoke of his missionary experiences at the recent stake conference. Those who heard him were truly inspired. Members of Claremont were fortunate enough to hear Bryan speak again at Sacrament meeting. It is wonderful to have our missionaries return one by one and give us words of wisdom and tell of their wonderful experiences in the mission field.

Claremont's bazaar, enjoyed by all who attended, netted a profit of about four hundred dollars. A few handmade articles were left over; anyone wishing to purchase them should contact Relief Society President Rose Gleason. Claremont owes a vote of thanks to all those Relief Society women who worked so hard to make this bazaar a success.

The Paul Hyers welcomed the stork last month. He brought another lovely little girl to their home.

Members of Claremont ward's Fireside helped Janet Ellsworth celebrate her recent birthday at a party given at the Ellsworth home by Mrs. Ellsworth. A grand time for all the young people. The birthday cake was the highlight of the evening.

Edna Cardwell spent the Thanksgiving holiday in southern California, visiting her daughter and family.

Brother and Sister Tom Millward were here during November visiting the Millward brothers, Curt, Var and Sol.

Mrs. A. V. Sanford of Springville, Utah, has been visiting her daughters, Mrs. Jessie Wickman of Oakland, Calif., and Mrs. Movell Day and family at Harmony Hills.

Mrs. Jessie Wickman had as her guest Sunday, November 18, her mother, Mrs. Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. Movell Day and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dangerfield and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bruntch and family of San Francisco.

HELP CLAREMONT BUILD A CHAPEL°

Richmond Wd. News

BY ANNETTE INGERSOL.

President Marie Hern of the YM MIA proudly introduces an outstanding staff of assistants. They are: Elva Chantrill, Jean Passey and Diane Swenson. President Peter Gengler's staff is complete, Included are: Reese Thompson and Jerry Dean. A fine core of teachers work with these brothers and sisters in carrying on the fine tradition of the Richmond ward MIA.

Last Tuesday a group from the Rodeo Branch presented a one-act play which won the hearts of all present. Afterwards, Bro. and Sister Reese Thompson had 59 couples on the recreational hall floor swirling to the rhythms and dances they presented. This is but a sample of the instruction and entertainment offered to everyone each Tuesday night at the Richmond ward MIA.

Ward auxiliaries are busy preparing booths for the two-ward carnival (Richmond- East Richmond), on December 7, from 5:30 to . . . at the Bishop's Storehouse on San Pablo. Food, fun, gifts, games and goodies await all who attend. An electric stove, among other fine articles, will be presented to high bidders. All members of the stake are encouraged to participate in this carnival. The entire proceeds will be debited to the ward and stake budgets.

Congratulations are in order to an energetic core of Relief Society workers on a most successful potluck dinner party two weeks ago. Special praise go to Sister Hoakensen and her two assistants, Val Hawkins and Bertha Anderson. Instructors in this organization include Marie Guyman, Lucy Morley, Emily Burgener and Louise Dean.

Elder Edwin Anderson

Elder Edwin Anderson sends greetings to the Berkeley Stake and desires to thank the many friends, relatives and organizations that have helped him on his mission in the Northwestern States. Each letter he writes tells of his greatful ness to his ward for calling him and for his many blessings received from his Heavenly Father. He says: "I would like to tell you I know that this is the only true Church on this earth." He likens his mission to the celestial world compared to the life he knew before entering the mission field and wouldn't give up his mission for anything in the world, "For it is life eternal to know God."

We are all proud in Richmond ward of Edwin's fine work and wish him Godspeed in all his labors. We regret however to receive sad word of Edwin's brother, 1st Lt. Dale F. Creger, who was killed in action in Korea on November 5, according to word received from his mother, Vanita Anderson. We mourn with her in this shocking incident. May the Lord bless Sister Anderson and her family for all the great sacrifices they have made for the cause of freedom and spreading the truth of the Gospel.—Sincerely the Bishopric of Richmond ward.

Liahona Club

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of fruit cocktail were contributed by George W. Hall of Berkeley, first bishopric a San Francisco food broker. The former was won by Leland Fife of Berkeley, of the same bishopric; the fruit cocktail by Donna Wilkinson of Dimond ward.

An order for a sewing machine overhaul; contributed by our loyal Liahonan, Charlie Mills of the Tel. Ave. Sewing Machine Center, was won by Mrs. M. G. Stephens of Dimond ward.

Great credits goes to the Liahona Club's committees who created and carried thru the club's most happy evening. Pres. A. D. Erickson fostered the original idea, Dr. C. Ronald Smith, and Thos S. Ferguson were co-chairmen Dennis Lauper pushed ticket sales, I. B .Ball carried thru on publicity thru the Messenger, Charles Stamps, Herb Van Noy and Ira Call set up tables, while Ira Call, our Olympic Florist man, provided table decorations. The co-chairmen did the major part of the work; arranging the program, soliciting and gathering donated door prizes, and mailing out untold letters urging attendance.

East Richmond Ward's New Bishopric

—photo by Ed A. Pyle, Berkeley.

Left to right, standing: Dick L. Jackson, first counsellor; Clinton H. Esperson, bishop; Bert J. Leavitt, second counsellor. Seated: Benjamin F. Coats, ward clerk; Hal J. Pitcher, financial clerk. The new bishoprics was accepted by vote of ward members in November, 1951. Great praise has been heaped high on the heads of the retiring bishopric: Charles V. Finell, bishop; Antone I. Clark and Vernal M. Horn, counsellors; and the same clerks as at present. See above.

Berk. Stake News

MEET ME AT MUTUAL

Tuesday, January 22, 1952, or the evening nearest to it, has been set aside for a "Meet Me at Mutual" night in every ward in the Berkeley stake.

Part of the Church-wide program directed by the General Boards of the MIA to acquaint all ward members with the work of the Mutual Organizations and to bring to them the message of its importance in the lives of our people.

Rodeo Branch News

By MARGIE HAYDEN.

Branch President's Message

I am well pleased with our Rodeo Branch. Our organizations are showing much improvement. We are truly proud that our Aaronic Priesthood is leading the stake in most of its activities. Our fast offerings are well in excess of the stake's average.

At the coming Christmas season let us all remember what we are celebrating, namely, the birth of Savior. Through his mercy and free sacrifice we are given the greatest gift mankind has ever known—eternal happiness and joy. We will remember Him and give thanks for all the blessings we enjoy as members of his church.

Peace be with you this month and always.

JACK E. BINKERT.

BRANCH NEWS

September 9 was an important date in our branch history. Many members attended from Richmond and East Richmond wards. President Harmon of the Berkeley stake presidency presided over a discussion of the possibilities of these people becoming members of our branch.

Many vacant offices have been filled recently. President Jack E. Binkerd has as his counselors Ruel L. Wanlass and Vernal M. Horn. Our completely reorganized Sunday school is headed by Clark Fails, superintendent, and counselors, Clyde Kleckner and Roger Anderson. The YWMIA has Adrianne Fails as its new president and Martha McKay as activity counselor.

Another memorable occasion was the departure of our first full-time missionary, Bill McKay, one of the first members of our branch, and our ward clerk, who was called to the Mexican Mission. He was living in Mexico when he was converted to the church at the age of 12, and has helped teach the truthfulness of the gospel to other members of his family. We feel that he is going to his labors well prepared because of his strong testimony, his knowledge of the gospel and his earnest desire to preach.

Leo Stewart has been sustained ward clerk. The Stewarts have a new son, Kenneth Lee. Brother Stewart's brother, James, is visiting here on leave from the armed services.

Elder Wesley Wootton was a sacrament speaker No. 18. He was returning to Salt Lake City after servinb a Northern California mission. His first months were spent in Rodeo, he being one of the first elders to labor here. We were glad to learn of his fruitful labors.

In the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations, may we neither forget Him whose birthday we celebrate, not let the noise of merry-making deafen us to the angels' song of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

E. Richmond Ward

By IRMA BLEDSOE

Our bishop speaks a one sentence message:

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."

A very enlightening day was spent Nov. 13 by the Relief Society members at a hot potluck dinner. Val Hawkins demonstrated the art of darning stockings; Thelma Giovanini demonstrated patching; and Martha Mortensen hair pin lace. Our able president, Thelma Ieson, reminds us of the date of the rummage sale—December 7 and 8.

Ghosts, goblins and witches ushered in the Hallowe'en party given by Richmond, East Richmond and Rodeo Mutuals. Dancing and games made up the evening together with a feast of cider and donuts. Sister Odermatt won the adult prize, being dressed as a very old grandma. When she unmasked, it was fun to see the face of that teenage boy who had been mooning over her all evening. Larese Thompson, dressed as a clown, won the prize for the intermediate group with her costume filled with balloons—every one of which had a "popping good time." Four-year-old Victor Gengler won a prize for the younger set in his red Super Bunny suit. Other prizes were carried off by Mary Lundberg as a "billboard" and little Jill Leavett as a fairy. Another outstanding costume was a black cat with green eyes which lit up when approached.

With great enthusiasm in order to earn their honor badges the Guardian class in MIA prepared a Thanksgiving basket for some of our faithful missionaries. The girls themselves cooked and prepared the goodies.

The ladies' chorus under the capable direction of Leola Esperson sang two numbers at stake conference, "Let there be Music," and "Prayer Perfect," accompanied by Betty Morris, who saved the day for the chorus after the loss of Helen Finell. Let us remember that music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, a charm to gaiety and life to everything."

We are losing two more of our faithful workers. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bradeson go to the Hanford ward where Leonard has accepted a position in LeMoore, near Fresno. Having purchased a house there, they are selling their home in Richmond. We'll miss Leonard's ability as speech director; and who's to fill IdaBell's shoes as president of YLMIA? We thank them for the hard work they put into their many ward and stake activities. We are hoping they will honor us with their presence often.

Guests for the winter at the Robt. Kersey home are the parents of Mrs. Kersey, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Collings from Jerome, Ida. Her brother and family also are visiting her for a few weeks.

Berk. Stake News

By Sister Patton

The Stake Presidency extends Season's greetings to each member in each ward. In gratitude they acknowledge the splendid support the individual members have given in 1951—Without this sincere cooperative, and sustained effort what has been accomplished could not have been. Thank you —all of you.

(signed
W. Glenn Harmon
Wayne E. Mayhew
Emery R. Ranker
Elwood F. Meredith

Reorganization has effected three wards in Berkeley Stake.

Berkeley First Ward is now officered by Cornell Jarman, (Bishop) with George W. Hall, first and Leland J. Fofe second counselors. Carl Johnson and Emmerton Williams, clerks, were retained from the retiring bishopric.

The presiding authority in the stake chose Elder Delbert H. Carmen as bishop in Richmond Ward. He chose Clayton E. Chantrell as first, and Willard De Loy Smith as second counselors.

In East Richmond, where reorganization was also effected, Clinton H. Esperson is now bishop, with Elders Richard Jackson, first, and Bert Leavitt second counselors. Benjamine F. Coates was retained as clerk.

These are men of outstanding achievement, and broad experience despite the youthfulness of some. The sincerity and humility of these men impress one when he realizes the enormous weight of the responsibility that has been shifted to their shoulders.

Elder William R. McKay of Rodeo of the 339th Quorum of Seventy has already responded to the call for the Mexican Mission. This will be a fruitful field for Elder McKay who was born in the State of Chihuahua. There will be no delay in learning the language or grasping the psychology of the people.

Elder James C. Richardson, "silver throated Jimmy," to those who have been thrilled to his inimitatable vocal solos, is already well on his way to the Argentine Mission. Judging from the letters of our missionary "Bud" Stone (Berkeley First Ward) which his parents Mr. and Mrs. O. Leslie Stone share with us from time to time, Argentina appreciates "Mormon Music." Elder Stone is conducting an orchestra and chorus in the capital that is a credit to himself, his fellow laborers, and the saints of Argentina.

Elder Richardson and his talented wife, Charlotte, deserve credit for thei rgreat sacrifice at this time and all material help we can give them. They have four children. Sister Richardson is temporarily residing in Granger, Salt Lake County.

When time permits a brief note from our missionaries will be appreciated by the Messenger reporter and shared with local saints. Address: Mrs. A. D. Patton, 1915 Rose St., Berkeley 9, Calif. United States of America.

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JOTHAN VALLEY

Through the thoughtfulness of Don C. Wood, President of Berkeley Stake High Priests' Quorum, two hundred tickets were reserved for "Jotham Valley," Saturday evening, November 24. This musical production sponsored by Moral Rearmament has a splendid message—the "Golden Rule in Action." The lighting effects ,music and performance was greatly appreciated by the High Priests, wives and guests. "The oldsters" should have more such entertainments.

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Berkeley Stake Section

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The retiring bishopric of Berkeley First Ward shown in the chapel lounge November 17, 1951, with their wives. Standing left to right: Second Counsellor and Mrs. Paul B. Braby: First Counsellor Dilworth D. Jensen, Mrs. and Bishop Le Roi Gardner. Seated: Assistant Ward Clerk and Mrs. David E. Williams; Mrs. and Mr. Carl E. Johnson, ward Clerk. After approximately three years of devotion service vote of thanks. At the same time the new bishopric was accepted by Bishop Gardner and his counsellors and clerks were released with a unanimous vote; Bishop Cornell E. Jarman and counsellors, George W. Hall and Leland J. Fife now take over.

Berkeley 2nd Ward

Berkeley ward's third anniversary was celebrated November 9, in Berkeley ward Recreation hall. Former bishops of the old Berkeley ward were the honored guests, also the Stake Presidency and members of the High Council. Readings were given by Noni Farr and Gene Gibbs. Solos were sung by Vera Meredith and Ken Shepherd. Paul Summerhays and his daughter, Laura, sang a duet and Helen Clovis and Grace Boyack played the piano and organ to accompany Roy Clovis, who sang a tenor solo. A special program of movies was held downstairs for the children. All the old memories were revived by the various speakers and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Winn Layton has been made a deacon, swelling the quorum to 15. The attendance of these boys has been excellent. Keep up the good works, boys.

The Elders' Quorum has been reorganized. David Moss will be president, assisted by Harold McNamara and Ned Clyde as Counsellors, and Harvey Larson as secretary.

The Trailbuilders held a Stake "Hobo Party" which was a big success. There was a large turnout of father and son "hobos." Claire Ingle did excellent work planning and carrying through the hobo theme.

We have five new stake missionaries: Roy Clovis, Ronald and Kathryn Grey, John Kennedy and Merwin Riddle. Merwin and Jack had been in the Sunday School superintendency and have done outstandingly well. The new superintendent is Boyd Farr, assisted by Harold Gaisford and Gene Gibbs.

The Relief Society work is proceeding nicely under the guidance of Ada Lindblad as president, Lucille Ream, first counsellor, Helen Jensen, second counsellor, Eva Harker, secretary, Ethel Dietlacker, secretary, Ann Crockett, literary teacher, Ida Holmes, social service teacher, LaPreel Green, theology teacher, Barbara Langlois, sewing teacher, Adele Duncan, magazine representative and Ivadelle Ericson, coordinator.

Rebecca Jacobs is recovering from an appendectomy. We will be glad to see her back with us soon.

The following have recently joined the second ward: Sid and Alma Dean Feller, Tony Woolf and wife, Herb and Joyce Hill, Harold and Leah Felt and Ray and Jane Balmforth. We feel most fortunate to have them with us and know we will gain much from associating with them.

Herb Layton of the U. S. Air Force and Don Stone of the U. S. Navy, are visiting home. It is good to see them again.

We all regret the passing of Gene Bramhall. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and a son, Eugene Bramhall, who reside at 929 Santa Fe avenue, Albany.

Frank Meredith was recently ordained a teacher and is a most welcome addition to this quorum. He has served faithfully and well as a Deacon.

December 23, Sunday evening, a special Christmas program is being planned for all the members of the ward. The choir is preparing special musical numbers. The Relief Societies of the two wards are meeting together for a special Christmas program the week before Christmas. The Singing Mothers will render a musical program.

Saturday evening, December 15 at 7:30 there will be a special Christmas program for the children.

Bishop and Sister Green recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Barbara, to Douglas Pimentel. Sister Green gave a luncheon for a few close friends. The marriaige will take place February 9. Doug and Barbara will make their home in the second ward, we hope, where we may continue to enjoy associationg with them.

Berkeley First Ward

The Berkeley First ward's rummage sale was held on Tuesday, December 4, at 285 12th street, Oakland, from 9 a. m. until 9:30 p.m. Everybody "rummaged" through their houses and found things that they were not using. The Relief Society Welfare Budget was the beneficiary, they did all the work.

The ward's reunion, November 8, in the form of a farewell tribute to Bishop Gardiner and our outgoing bishopric and a welcome to Bishop Jarman and his associates in the bishopric, was a grand success in attendance, program and refreshments.

The Berkeley First and Berkeley Second Wards' Relief Societies are combining in a very fine Christmas program to be held on Thursday, December 20, at 10 a.m. The Singing Mothers will give us some of their fine music and the rest of the program is equally as good. Plan to come and enjoy yourself with these two wonderful groups.

The engagement of Dawna Ericksson and David McLelland was announced at the Harvest Ball, held in the Scottish Rite Temple, Oakland, Friday evening, November 23. We wish them all the happiness such fine young people deserve. Dawna is our very fine president of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association. David is at present the president of the Student Body Council at the California School of Arts and Crafts where he is a leading student, who will be graduated in June. Dave is responsible for much of the art work for the walls and stage at our MIA and other doings. The happy couple will be wed in the Salt Lake Temple in June.

Alfred Cardwell left Berkeley the first week in December for another winter's stay with his son in Sweet Home, Oregon, a lumber town. Alfred takes a hand selling in his son's two stores. He's an old hand at that, having one time been manager of Penney's in Modesto. Best wishes, Alfred.

Francis Nix is home for the holidays from Point Arena, California, where she pedagogs in the local high. Looks chipper as can be.

Bro. and Sis. Golden send greetings to all friends. They are at home in Berkeley as usual, but ill health confines them pretty closely to home, they miss the Church services and the faces of old friends. Like to say "hello" to them by phone? LAndscape 6-9663.

One of our perfect Sunday School members in attendance is Sister Pearl Taylor, although she has to travel each Sunday to and from Concord.

We're proud of our Junior Sunday School under Marjorie Pyle and her gifted teachers. Our whole Sunday School makes us all proud. Good work Brothers Pyle, Hale and Dixon, and Cheryl Johnson and Joan Sabine, secretaries. The same for the Primary, MIA and Relief Society.

The Berkeley DUP Camp will be hostesses to the Claremont Camp for their Christmas program and party, on Monday, December 10 at the LDS Institute at 8 p.m.

George W. Hall, bishop's counselor made a trip to Utah late in November and reports our LDS students doing well: David Gardner, Bob Lindblad, Ted Baer, Richard Hall, Dick Huish, Charles Summerheys and Barney Gardner. Bro .Hall, who is a food broker in San Francisco, recently was the liberal donor of two cases of food (one of which was tuna fish) as door prizes at the Liahona Club's November 19 banquet and revue. Oddly enough the winner of the case of tuna fish was Leland Fife, the fellow counselor with George W., in the Berkeley First bishopric. Simply a matter to transfer from one counselor to the other.

Other Berkeley wards' members who won door prizes at that Liahona Club affair were Dr. Douglas Ream, a wrist watch donated by Don Allphin, jeweler of Maxwell Park ward, and Del Rock, owner of Low Cost Drug Store, who won a box of chocolates contributed by his competitors, the Owl Drug Co. But the top prize winner of all on that happy occasion was President W. Glenn Harmon ,who took home a 16-pound turkey, contributed by our LDS poultry dealer, Bill Heath, on San Pablo, south of Solano.

Tom Ferguson's Gospel Doctrine Class on the Book of Mormon draws larger and larger attendance. Sunday, November 25, he read two interesting cases of correspondence between him on the one hand and (1) Thor Hyderdahl, hero and author of "Kon-Tiki," the raft which floated from Peru to the Pacific Islands; (2) Marcus Bach, author of a wonderful book of smaller church denominations, "Faith and My Friends," which includes a most excellent chapter on "The Mormons." Each author expressed a real desire to read Tom's latest book, "Ancient America and the Book of Mormon." Professor Bach wants two copies, one for the library at the University of Iowa and the other for his home library.

Spence Reid, former ward member as a young man with the age group of Bob Johnson and Ed Pyle, now an M.D., and for four years practicing in a military hospital at Heidelberg, Germany, will soon join the staff of the Letterman Hospital in San Francisco.

Hazel Ball, now living in Oak Ridge for a 12-month period, with "Russ" and the family, has been selected as a soloist with Oak Ridge musicians to sing one of the leading parts in the coming rendition of the Messiah there. Hazel and Russ so "love" Mother Ball's turkey dressing that they phoned from their Tennessee home on Thankgiving eve for that recipe and a chat. Russ is now Sunday School superintendent. About 45 in attendance Sundays.

Rachel Ball's sister, Maud Fullmer and Bro. Frank J. Fullmer, Salt Lake contractor, visited Rachael and I. B. in November, also staying with son Oliver "Ollie" Fullmer and Laurel at Dr. Ray Knight's home.

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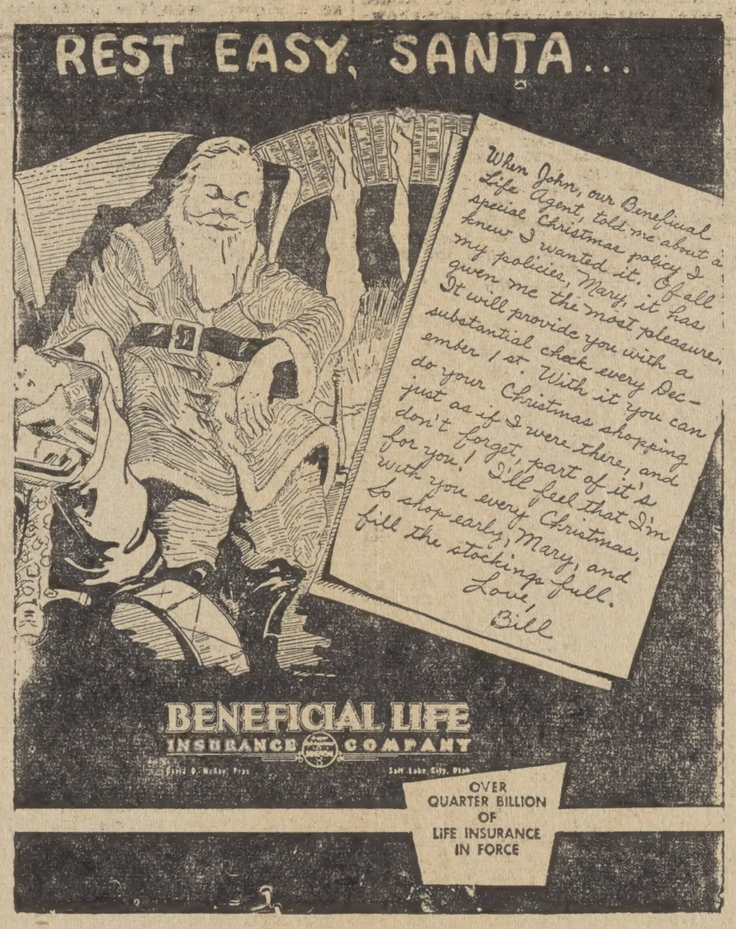
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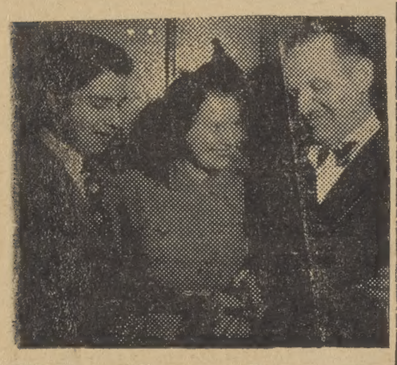

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Jack C. Fitzpatrick, shows his wife, Julia and his son, Jack Jules, the goldplated baton which was presented to him November 11, 1951, during ward conference honoring him for his 20 years' service as Sunday School chorister in Dimond ward. Left to right are shown; son, Jack Jules, wife, Julia, and Jack C.

At the age of 17 Brother Fitzpatrick was selected as the first chorister when the Dimond ward Sunday School was started in 1924. He served until called into the Sunday School Superintendency in 1929. After filling a Mission in France, he was again installed as chorister in 1936 and has served in that capacity continuously ever since.

In addition to his work in the Sunday School, Brother Fitzpatrick has served as one of the presidents of the 247th Quorum of Seventies, Stake Missionary and District President, and in the MIA and Scouting.

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Alameda Ward News

By GALEEN CLAYSON.

The Alameda Variety Show held November 14 and 16 was indeed a fine and worthwhile program. We congratulate and thank Rodney Pocock for his efforts in bringing such high class entertainment to our ward, also Dewayne Sudekum, George Balding and all concerned for helping to make the affair a success.

Our Ward Conference, held November 4, enlightened many of us as to the purpose of our organizations, and the duties that we have to perform in making them a success. We are grateful for the faithful service of the many officers and teachers of our ward.

The Sunday School is sponsoring a paper drive and urges all members to bring their bundles to the ward or to get in touch with one of the superintendency.

Congratulations to Lee and Cleada Meacham on the arrival of a fine 7 lb. 7 oz. boy, Silen Lee, on Thursday, November 15.

Our hearts were filled witr happiness to see Irma Jean Wilson at Church once more. We are happy she is doing so well.

December 14 will be a night to remember when the Alameda Drama Department presents, "The Tinker" under the direction of Cecil Jorgeson and Lola Stam.

Be sure to attend Mutual December 18, for the Christmas Pageant to be presented at that time will certainly be worth seeing.

To top off your Christmas holidays with a merry note, attend the Christmas Ball at Alameda Ward December 25. It is a semi-formal affair with orchestra, defreshments and a floor show. So let everyone come and enjoy the warmth and friendliness that the holiday season brings.

Congratulations to Jack and Ruth Neilsen Bigler on the arrival of a new baby girl, Jacqueline Lee, on November 23. Ruth is formerly of Richmond ward.

The Alameda M Men and Gleaners enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner at the Gustaveson home on November 17, and attended the Elmhurst dance aftr. We appreciate the efforts of all those who took part.

Hal and Mary Porter and family have recently moved to the Palo Alto stake. We will certainly miss them, but we hope they will enjoy their new home .

"Let us all do the will of our Father in Heaven today, and we will then be prepared for the duty of tomorrow and for the eternities to come."—H.J.G.

Livermore Br. News

By FAY B. KERN.

Well, we've had our first branch Sunday school and branch conference. There were a number of stake visitors; Bro. Dennis Lauper of the stake high council presided.

We also had our first branch Relief Society conference Nov. 11, President Della McLaughlin, conducting. It was good to hear the woman's point of view for an entire evening. The Relief Society is having a big bazaar here Dec. 8, starting at 9 a.m. Many novel, beautiful and useful items will be available and everyone is invited to attend.

The Sunday school, under the direction of Frank Nelson, accomplished a major project recently—the taking of pictures of the different ordinances of our gospel. This film was presented with a lesson for investigators at the monthly Sunday school union meeting, Nov. 11.

Primary had their first party on Hallowe'en with witches, goblins and spooks galore, and prizes, games and refreshments.

For Thanksgiving the children participated in a "giving" experience, each child bringing fruit to make up a basket to give to Mrs. Caupe, who is a lover of children.

We welcome back Sylvia Wardell and children who have been visiting in Utah while Lynn and his father finished their house. Now they are living in their new home.

Wayne Metzger, husband of Mildred, one of our talented members, has been discharged from the service and has left for Missouri. Mildred and children are a little indefinite yet as to their future plans.

Mrs. Charlotte Caupe, an investigator, and Albert Cooper, second councilor in our branch presidency, spent an afternoon recently in San Francisco as guest of Vincent Price and his wife at a show there. Price is the actor who played the role of Joseph Smith in the film, "Brigham Young." They lunched with the Prices and report an enjoyable time. Mrs. Caupe was Price's nurse during his childhood in St. Louis. They have continued to keep in touch with one another throughout the years. During their visit Mr. Price told Mrs. Caupe she couldn't be in better hands than with the Mormons.

Jean and Virgil Sessions, our Primary teacher, and her daughter, are contemplating moving closer to Oak Knoll Navy hospital where he is on duty.

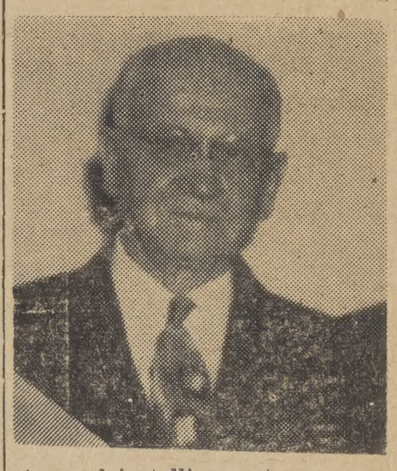
Fay and Russell Kern and children, in company with Naomi and Dene Ogden from Oakland ward, are spending the Thanksgiving holidays in Phoenix, Ariz.

Eli K. Ferguson, San Leandro Ward Leader And Contractor, Killed In Auto Accident

One of the most lamented deaths of the year for the East Bay area occurred Tuesday morning, November 27, when Eli K. Ferguson, aged 68, large contracting operator and leading San Leandro Latter-day Saint became the victim of an auto collision a few blocks from his home in East Oakland near the San Leandro line.

Serving as a group leader in ward teaching, and also as a stake missionary up to the day of his death, Elder Ferguson also carried a leading role in the very active "underground" contracting firm of "Ferguson Brothers," the brothers being E. K.'s two sons, Reed and Gordon.

Handling the heavy equipment for excavating trenches, cisterns,



etc., and installing water ,sewage and gas piping, Elder Ferguson's firm accepted contracts from the state of California's large public institutions in Northern California, and similar large undertakings; and maintained a gravel pit of its own near Truckee. He also built bridges and dams. His services for the Liahona lodge were substantial, while his fine loyalty and fraternal spirit endeared him to all.

Eli K. Ferguson served San Leandro ward as construction supervisor in the late remodling of their chapel, and was a hercules in leading, planning and in personal labor on that undertaking.

Born at Lakeshore, ear Spanish Fork, Utah, July 16, 1883, on a farm he early gave proof of his mechanical abilities by working into plumbing and heating and underground contracting in Utah and several states and finally in Southern California in 1941, and settling in Oakland some years later.

Elder Ferguson is survived by his widow and three sons, Reed, Gordon and Eli K., Jr., and two daughters, Mrs. Helen McEuen of Oxnard and Miss Jean Ferguson, living with her mother at home.

Ruth Shurtleff Loses Daughter , Nancy Jane Skousen, a Victim of Poliomyelitis

Married to Peter Skousen in the Salt Lake Temple in 1948, Nancy Jane Shurtleff, who had been so active and happy in Dimond ward and Oakland stake, and who was the mother of one child, Jeanette, died of poliomelitis in Salt Lake recently. She was stricken eight weeks before in Fort Collins, Colo., where her husband was attending a veterinarian school.

Most active at BYU in fraternity work and journalism, her major study, she rose to be editor one year of Lamba Delta Sigma's national magazine. Later she and her husband taught school in Paris, Idaho.

She not only leaves her honored parents and her hundreds of devoted friends to mourn her loss, but also four brothers and three sisters: Dee Shurtleff and Mrs. Laura Allman, Springville; Shirl Shurtleff and Mrs. Mary Bybee of Oakland; Lewis and Chester Shurtleff of Concord; and Mrs. Louise Olson, Santa Rosa.

San Leandro Ward

Thanksgiving day has come and gone for another season. The spirit of the occasion was strongly felt in our San Leandro Sunday services and it is hoped that we will carry the Thanksgiving spirit with us throughout the coming year, for our joys are many, our opportunities great and the privilege of being members of the Churrh of Jesus Christ one of our choicest blessings.

It is a privilege to help in the work of the Lord here on the earth and the greatest joy and satisfaction one can know comes from such service. Let us utilize our membership to the full—let us assist in whatever way we may be asked. Let us participate in the program the Church provides.

Thanks to the united efforts of all our members, the San Leandro Ward Carnival was a tremendous success. The "Super Market" operated by the Elders' Quorum, netted a fine profit after offering many bargains to homemakers. The Boy Scouts provided an unusual and interesting game of skill. The nail driving contest developed a real spirit of competition among the men. Monkeys knocked from tree branches with an air rifle attracted the children by the dozens as did the clever fishpond, operated by the Primary organization and he moving pictures shown in the Annex. Roses, gardenias, carnations and potted plants were sold at a flower booth which was outstanding by the presence of Sister Minerva Tarelton, visiting from Hawaii and her daughter, Abbey Duke, who busied themselves with the making of Hawaiian leis. Food provided by the Mutual and Sunday School organizations was exceptionally good, and last but by no means least, the handwork and baked goods, offered by the ladies of the Relief Society, were outstanding.

It was a good evening.

OUR ORCHESTRA

Did you know that your San Leandro ward can boast of having an orchestra of its own? The young people made their first appearance at the Mutual Drama Night, Tuesday, November 20. Their music was most enjoyable and Bro. Mal Duke deserves a special "thank you" for his interest and work with this group. We shall expect to hear more from our local musicians.

"Mushrooms Coming Up," a clever one act play was splendidly presented that same evening under the direction of Mal Duke, the drama leader of our ward Mutual. The cast included Shirline Webster, Mary Marsh, Verla Sandstrom, Betty Power, Betty Tillotson and Marjorie Clements. Special mention should be made of the stage setting. It was a fine example of what can be done with an idea, a bit of work and little or no expense. If you missed the Drama Night presented as a part of the Mutual program, you missed a most enjoyable and entertaining evening.

Our congratulations and best of good wishes are extended to Allan J. Davidson and his bride, the former Donna Kirvan, who were married Friday, November 30, at the Hayward chapel.

May we also announce the engagement of Howard J. Marsh, son of Sister Catherine Marsh, to Virginia Moyle, daugdter of Apostle and Mrs. Henry D. Moyle. The young couple plan to be married in the Salt Lake Temple on December 19, 1951. Sincere good wishes to you both.

Our San Leandro ward will feel very keenly the loss of Bro. Eli K. Ferguson. His death was a shock to all of us. Our San Leandro ward chapel stands as a monument to him and we are all grateful for the opportunity of having known such a fine gentleman. Memorial services were held at our chapel Friday. November 30 and interment took place at Spanish Fork after a funeral service there Monday, December 3.

Maxwell Park Ward

This last month the ward has gained many members. Brother and Sister James Nackos and their seven children have moved here from the Oakland ward. It's truly fine to have this family with us. We give them our warmest welcome.

Roy and Dee Spencer are now the proud parents of a baby boy named Russel Roy. Roy, now with the Army, is stationed in the East.

The ward bazaar was one of the most successful we have ever had. All of those who helped deserve a pat on the back. Let's keep up the good work.

The bishopric recently heard from Vivian Williams, who has been transferred to Ohio to serve as a lady missionary supervisor in that state. We know she will do very well, for she has attained a true missionary spirit in her work. Vivian said to tell all of her friends "hello."

Since the Christmas season is here, many will want to contact our missionaries. Ed Briscoe can be reached at 17 Meader Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Vivian receives her mail through the mission home, 323 West Woodland avenue, Fort Wayne 6, Indiana.

Congratulations, Armis Ashby, for receiving your Master M Man award. It's a fine achievement and we are happy with you.

Several youngsters were baptized and confirmed last month. Perry Felt, Norah Davis and Karen Shaw were confirmed by President Glenn Shaw, Karen's father. Michael Dunn was confirmed by his grandfather, Thomas Farr. Two were given names and blessings, Leland Wright performing the ordinance for Jeffery Forest Fuller, while Perry J. Earl blessed and named his great-grandchild, Raymond Douglas Tanner, Jr., son of Ray and Shirley Tanner. It is our hope that all of these fine children will continue to live by the principles of the Gospel that their testimonies may grow and be the guiding lights of their lives.

Gail Cragun was home for a few days recently. He is still stationed with the Air Force in Germany. It was nice to have him home but we wish his visit could have been longer with us.

Our basketball team needs more rooters. The boys have played some fine ball games, but not many ward members have been there to see them. Why don't you drop by Elmhurst's gym this Wednesday night and cheer the team on to victory?

Do you know what special event is going to happen in February? If you don't you had better find out, for you won't want to miss it.

As we go about our daily tasks, it would be well to keep in mind some thing the Savior said: "Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of Man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed." John 6:27.

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Oakland Stake Section

Hayward Ward News

Little Coleen Taylor, a victim of polio, underwent an operation recently, in which the doctors fused the bones below the nakle and put staples in her good leg. There is a good chance that she will be able to walk without her crutches. Faith and prayers of the ward are asked.

Sister Chloe Allard died November 3. Funeral services were held in the chapel November 6, under the direction of Bishop Ostler.

The Relief Society conference was held November 4. An outline of each lesson was given by the respective teachers. Sister Swensen of the stake board was present. Sister Margaret Clark was honored at a luncheon Tuesday, Nov. 13. She is the mother of 10 and grandmother of 20.

The Phil Butlers are parents of a son, born November 2 . . . A baby boy was born to Clinton and Maxine Lukins . . . Harry Hircdman was burned on his right arm with hot tar while at work . . . Don Sweet was injured in an auto wreck . . . Robert Ray suffered injuries when the car he was driving skidded across the line to hit the oncoming car in the Alameda tube. He is confined to the Veterans' hospital in

We are glad to welcome into our Oakland.

ward the following adult members who were baptized last month: John Goliche, Geraldine Hickman, Geraldine Goettling. Also the following children: Ralph Rickets. Joan Davidson, Alice Ostler, Dewight Williams, and Kolon Forbes.

We gained two new members when babies Philip Broadbent and Jeffery Lewis were blessed. With these new members, together with the 200 plus that moved into our midst, Hayward has become the second largest ward in the stake again.

At our ward conference, President Wright and several members of the stake family were present. A fine spirit was felt in all of the sessions, especially in the meeting for the officers and teachers of the ward. President Wright complimented us on our reverence in our chapel.

It was Barnum Bailey who reminds us that "By the yard, life is hard. But by the inch it's a cinch."

Elmhurst Ward News

By JANETH EVANS

BISHOPRIC'S MESSAGE

"In this season of rejoicing and rededication when most people are looking and praying for peace, we find, some cynics, who loudly proclaim that there is no peace on earth. We know that there is happiness in service and joy in righteously living the gospel of Jesus Christ. Through these means each of us can bring peace to our own hearts.

"Your bishopric sincerely prays that each of you may find peace here on earth and success in maintaining that blessing throughout the entire year."

—ELMHURST BISHOPRIC.

NEW WARD BISHOPRIC

The moving of Brother DeVries from the ward necessitated the change in the bishopric. Brother De Vries' served faithfully and well as second counselor to Bishop Nethercott. We congratulate Robert Brummet in his new position as second counselor to the bishop and wish him every success.

OUR MISSIONARIES

Christmas has a deeper significance when we receive a friendly card from our friends. We hope our missionaries are not forgotten at this Christmas time.

Gloria Jacobs, 910 E. Lee St., Kingsville, Texas.

Athole Judd, 1324 West San Antonio St., New Braunfels, Texas.

Eugene Muir, P. O. Bor 29, Apia Upolu, Western Samoa.

Eugene Osmond, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Calle Brite Del Pine, 1525 Montevideo, Uruguay, South America.

Robert DeVries, Prins Hendrik Straat No. 18, Arnhem, Holland, Netherlands

Remember the Relief Society bazaar December 14. It would be appreciated if each family would remember to donate a can of food or a non-perishable household article for the "Door Basket."

Special mention is given to the Junior Fireside group who have donated books for the seminary program under the direction of Robert Brummett.

Elmhurst is graced by the presence of Loraine Mason and Brother and Sister Krage whom we are happy to welcome as official members of our ward.

We urge all parents to bring their children to Primary, and parents with cars to bring their friends' children and their own. Don't forget to order your "Children's Friend."

THE SICK LIST

Brother Jessie Stock has been ill for the last month. He is now at the home of his son.

Also Grant Tanner has been ill in the hospital for six weeks with rheumatic fever. His address is Grant Tanner, R. A. 19-409-18, Btry B., 489th, F. A. BN., Camp Roberts, Calif.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

The world is keeping Christmas!
Hearts grow tender once again,
And across the earth comes sounding
That sweet "Peace! Good will to Men!"
May all the meaning of the day
Rejoice your heart anew
And be a world of Peace, Good Will,
And happiness for you.

Oak. Stake News

BY MILDRED FONTANO

DALE CREGER KILLED IN ACTION

The startling sad news of the death of her son, First Lieutenant Dale Creger in Korea on Nov. 5 came to Vanita Anderson of Oakland ward and formerly of Richmond. His picture and story will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Messenger.

Our sympathy we express to Sister Vanita Anderson, her daughter Elaine Hamblin of El Sobranto, who lost her first husband in World War II; to Don living in Vallejo; to Edwin who has been in the North Western States Mission seven months; to Cpl. Richard B. who was home on his over-seas furlough when the sad news came.

GEORGE PINKNEY HOME

George Pinkney, the son of Violet and Feorge Pinkney of Alameda ,is home from Korea looking "fine and fit." Many of you readers will recall his fine descriptive letters of Korea that were lent us by his parents and were published in a series in the Messenger.

RELIEF SOCIETY WARD CONFERENCES

Ward Relief Society conference was held in all the nine wards on Nov. 4. In these very spiritual meetings previews of the fine lessons for the year were given. You ladies desiring a more sure knowledge of the Gospel can acquire it in the theology lessons on the Book of Mormon. Ones testimony will be enhanced, and a knowledge of that marvelous book which is the second testifying book of Jesus Christ's divinity will help one to realize the full purpose of life.

The Visiting Teachers message this year are gems of wisdom from the Book of Mormon.

The Social Science lessons are a continuation of "The Progress of Man," we are now studying the literary writers of England in our Literary Course.

STAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL

In Nov. 11 one hundred and thirty officers and teachers witnessed a demonstration of model Sunday School helps. All classes were represented and the objective of each lesson was taught by the slide projector. It is suggested that the wards avail themselves of these sixteen projectors which are now in the stake for ward use.

Four releases were given at the last union meeting: Bro. Walter Aylett, who worked faithfully on the Stake Sunday School Board for fourteen years; Dan Fernsten; Estherella Olszowka; and Reed Judd.

Of necessity the stake has emphasized Junior Sunday School work until in many wards they have outgrown their accommodations. For instance Hayward ward (which was recently divided) has over one hundred children ages 2 to 4 and other wards are similarly growing.

We have teacher training classes in six of our wards. There are many saints who have testimonies of the Gospel and are willing to teach but lack of teaching ability. We want them to avail themselves of our training classes. Be free to come and enjoy yourselves.

CLYDE B. RUSSELL WINS HONORS

Clyde B. Russell of Dimond Ward has been chosen validictorian for the January graduation class at Oakland High School. He was awarded last June the Bank of America Cup or highest achievement in science and mathmatics and is now president of the California Scholarship Federation.

SYMPATHIES TO THE SHURTLEFF FAMILY

We extend our sympathies to the Shurtleff family in the passing of Nancy who dies of polio. She leaves, besides the large Shurtleff family in Oakland, a husband and baby in Utah.

Congratulations to the two Welchoff boys of Hayward who now are attending BYU. The returned missionary wheels the chair with his brother who had polio. They get around the campus and to classes in excellent spirit.

MARTHA H. McKAIGE

Happy birthday, Martha Hardy McKaige, on your 86th birthday January 12. If there is anyone older in the stake we would like to hear about it.

Dimond Ward

By DONNA PEARCE

The Relief Society prepared and sent boxes to Winnefred Phelps and Ruth Hilton, now in the British Mission. Sister Hilton requested a baptismal suit; this was made by Hazel Allen. They also sent boxes of goodies.

M Men and Gleaners cooked and served a turkey dinner in the recreation hall on November 20. With the extra funds collected they bought dancing records to be used in our MIA Tuesday night dances.

Barta Sewell and two small children are vacationing in Oregon and Washington. We hope Barta will regain her health and get the rest she needs following her illness.

Operated on this month and doing very well are Ruth Wright and Trieste Hall. . . . Four-months-old Diana Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Bowman, spent six days in the hospital, but now is home and reportedly doing quite well. . . . Thanks to all the ward members who worked so hard in making our ward bazaar and homecoming the big success it was.

Our ward conference held in November was well attended at all sessions. We just wish every member could have attended the 5:30 meeting conducted by President James Wright; it was one of the most inspirational meetings ever held in our ward.

Our deepest sympathies are with the Shurtleff family at this time in the loss of a daughter and a sister, Nancy Jean Skousen, who died in a Salt Lake City hospital from poliomyelitis. She was married to Pete Skousen in the Salt Lake Temple in 1948, and leaves a small daughter, Jeanette. Nancy was well known in our ward and stake. She attended the BYU, graduating with a major in journalism. For one year she taught at Paris, Ida. Funeral services were conducted in Provo, and she was buried in Ogden cemetery.

Oakland Ward News

BY LOUANNE WRIGHT.

November, the month of Thanksgiving. We all have had so much to be thankful for, our friends, our families and most of all the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

On November 10th the Gleaner Girls of Oakland ward enjoyed a really nice luncheon at the home of Anona Piercy. After a wonderful lunch we were given instructions on textile painting by Sister Bea Larson, the Stake Gleaner leader. It truly was fun and very educational. We plan to have more of the sessions in the near future.

At Mutual on the 13th the Gleaners and M Men and the Junior Gleaners and the Junior M Men put on a Biblical quiz for the opening exercises. It was very distinctive and made one keep on his toes. I'm not saying who won but when end came there were more girls standing than boys.

Congratulations go to the newly engaged—Norval Alexander and Joanne Mayo. Bet you really do hate to leave with the Army now, huh, Bud? Dick Bliss also surprised the ward by giving his girl a diamond. Congrates to the both of you.

A baby shower was given on the 14th of the month for Faye Gade. Anona Piercy was the host with help from Beverly Call and Lanea Ogden. It was a surprise and believe it or not, she was surprised.

The ward Carnival was held on the 17th; the theme being "Festival of Nations." It was very easy to tell which nations and countries were represented because of the striking costumes. It was a big success because everything was there, food, games and the cutest Marionette Show that one had ever seen. We wish more of the people from the other wards could have attended.

Let everyone keep in mind the Oakland ward conference which comes on December 16.

Oakland Stake's Christmas Night DANCE

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The Christmas Chimes Ball will be presented by Oakland Stake Christmas Night, December 25, 1951, all five Bay Area stakes are invited. PLACE: Alameda Ward Recreation Hall; Good Orchestra, Floor Show,, Refreshments and Door Prizes. Semi-Formal. All members of Bay Area Stakes and Friends Invited. A fine way to close Christmas Day.

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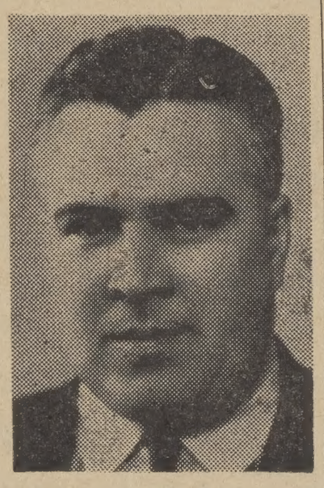

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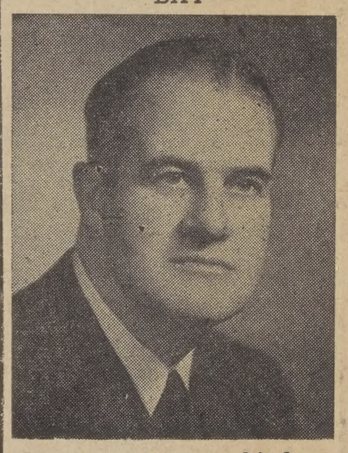

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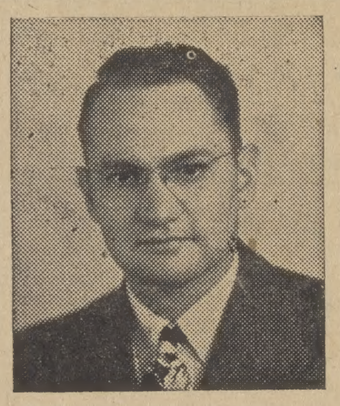

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SANTA ROSA STAKE SECTION

Vallejo Ward

By LA RUE A. POWELL.

Plans are being fomulated for a final drive to complete the chapel. The Bishopric encourages the members to accept this responsibility wholeheartedly and to realize the responsibility we have in providing proper meeting facilities for ourselves and especially our children.

The following boys have received recent Priesthood advancements: Kay Christofferson, Elder; Raymond Neerings, Priest; Tom Sowards, Teacher; Lynn Shurtliff and Norman Sorensen, Deacons.

Samuel H. Freeman, who is in the Navy stationed at Mare Island, and who's home is in Oregon, received serious injuries while at work some time ago. We are happy, however, that he has recovered enough to attend our Sunday services.

It is with happiness that we see Julien Breilette around and about. He has been ill since last summer.

Mrs. Clara Heath and Mrs. Ida Thomas are still confined to their homes.

BISHOP'S MEAGE

As this Christmas time approaches we wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support and cooperation during the past year. May you to carry with the same fervent desire to make every day, month and year an accomplishment of some worthwhile thing.

May the true spirit of Christmas bring a realization of the divinity in each of our brethern, no matter how unfortunate he may be. May we be successful in subduing selfisnness and with the same altruistic attitude personified by the Christ, spread sunshine around us—then it will be a truly Happy Christmas.

—Bishop Vernon C. Newman

Napa Ward

By NAOMI O. CANDLAND.

One of our missionaries, Robert DeLonzor, returned home to the Napa ward from his mission in the Southern States. It is indeed an inspiration to listen to him tell of his experiences and of the gospel plan. He has given a number of talks, one in Sacrament meeting and in his welcome home party which was held the first of the month. We are very happy to welcome Bob back among us again.

Our Explorers are now organized and are starting basketball practice under the direction of William Chambers.

Sister Helen B. Murdock was sustained as President of the Napa Ward Relief Society. She chose as her counselors Sister Catherine Woolley and Sister Ruth Beckstrom. We thank the outgoing president, Sister Edna Norlund, for the splendid work she has done in the Relief Society.

Harry Osborne has been sustained as manual counsellor to Verl Taysom in the Young Men's Mutual. He replaces Fred Reeder who was released because of the conflicting hours of MIA and his work.

Bob Keller has returned home to Napa from Salt Lake City for the winter.

A new Sunday School has been organized at Sonoma under the direction of the Napa Ward Bishopric with Fred Reeder of the Napa ward as superintendent. It is hoped that the progress will soon be made so the organization will be staffed with the local members of Sonoma.

Santa Rosa Ward

By GRACE M. McPEAK.

An estimated 135 friends and relatives (some from Sacramento), gathered in the Ward Chapel, Tuesday, November 20, to honor Miss Marigene Schlmeyer, who has been called as our missionary to serve in the Central States Mission, with headquarters in Independence, Missouri.

A very successful Hallowe'en party was enjoyed October 26. There were ghosts and ghostesses accompanied by numerous little ghosties. The Recreation hall was appropriately decorated with skeletons, goblins and black cats. Costumes were many and varied. Prizes were won by Alice Kay for the best characterization, an elderly colored man; and Mrs. Jerry Lawler for the most beautiful costume. One of the evening's attractions was a pantomine put on by Mutual officers in which "Dr." Harvey Bowning, assisted by Nurse Louise Olson, performed a series of delicate emergency operations on Joy Briscoe. Carl Hartup manipulated the spot light and Grace McPeak was narrator. The audience lead by Donna Cook, filled the air with screams. The Santa Rosa ward orchestra gave forth with good music for dancing: Minnie Lawlor, piano; William Hoffman, violin; Kenneth Kenworthy, banjo; Jesse Lawlor, drums. Apple cider and donuts were served. An estimated 150 attended.

Fairfield Br. News

DOROTHY BLAISDELL, Reporter.

The Priesthood has purchased a tractor and are plowing the 20 acres of land which is owned by the Branch and barley is to be planted. The ex-farmers of the Branch are really getting a lot of pleasure by "getting back to the soil."

The Elders' Quorum is being organized under the leadership of George Herron. We now expect big things from the Elders of Fairfield.

Our Mutual was honored Tuesday night by a number of Stake visitors including the President Bro. Max Warr and Counselor George Herron. Sis. Florina Price, MIA Stak Chorister, spoke on Mutual work. Sis. Mildred Matthews, Stake dance director, lead the Special Interest group in Folk Dancing, which was enjoyed by all. The Mia Maids gave a most interesting program on "Music," and sang two numbers, "Moonlight and Roses" and "As a Rose."

An activity night was held this month in the form of an open night which was used for folding newspapers. Bro. and Sis. Bleazard took the paper to Vallejo and reported we now have nearly enough money saved from the project to buy our much needed record player. We will continue the project for our building fund. We have plans of starting our Chapel in the spring. Happy day! Please save your papers and magazins for us.

The Relief Society presented the Sunday night meeting on November 4 and was efficintly conducted by Sis. Vera Mitchell, Relief Society prsident. The Singing Mothers' Chorus very beautifully rendered the following selections: "Invocation," by Moore; "Praise Ye The Father," by Gounod-Bliss; "Peace I Leave With Thee," by Roberts.

Miss Marjorie Harris spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her sister and family at Hayward, Calif.

● The enormous Hill Air Force base between Ogden and Salt Lake City is to receive 350 housing rental units in approved construction plans totaling $3,226,700.

Santa Rosa Stake

By Lu Carter

The Santa Rosa Stake is growing by leaps and bounds as shown by the recent formation of the Fort Bragg Branch on November 11th. This Branch was formerly a part of the Willits Branch, and starts out with a membership of 61 people. President Murdock states there is a good deal of enthusiasm among the people of the new Branch and they have been fortunate in obtaining a fine place in which to meet. Ray S. Fransen was chosen as Branch President, with Leslie Dunn as 1st counselor and William Beaver as 2nd counselor. Mark Judy will serve as the Branch Clerk. The auxiliary organizations have also been organized with Patricia Bacon as Relief Society President, David C. Bacon, Sunday School Superintendent and Marion Dunn as President of the Primary.

Another new organization denoting the growth and progress of the Stake was the recent formation of the Sonoma members as a dependent Branch of the Napa Ward. The fifty members as Sonoma voted that they would like to become a dependent Branch of the Napa Ward under the direction of Bishop Allan C. Wooley. Fred M. Reeder of Napa is the Sunday School Superintendent and the group holds Sunday School at the Townsend Club in Sonoma each Sunday. The group will attend Sacrament and Mutual in the Napa Ward. Some of the members at Sonoma who have been active in the organization of the new Branch are the Thatchers, Norlands, Christensens, Hills and Kingsfords.

At the present time the boundary lines between all Wards are being clarified and re-arranged to conform with the natural geographical barriers and the accessability of roads.

A sad note came to our Stake with the death of the 3½ month old baby of Brother and Sister Hogan I. Adair. Brother Adair is the Branch President of the Petaluma Branch and is doing remarkably well. Our deepest sympathy goes to the Adairs at this time.

Recently the Stake Presidency, High Council and their wives met at the home of the Ronald Cheneys in Santa Rosa to enjoy an evening together. The party was under the direction of Mark Brockbank ,Stake High Councilman and Social Chairman of the group. After a ham dinner the group enjoyed two delightful readings given by Sister Brockbank, and then all joined in group singing.

The Stake MIA is gradually becoming staffed with the recent appointment of Naomi Cheney as the new Drama Director. Sister Cheney was formerly president of the Santa Rosa Ward MIA. Elma Jakes of Petaluma, has been chosen as the new Gleaner leader and Ruth Clark of Ukiah as the MIA Maid leader. In the YMMIA Harry Empey of Napa has been sustained as the speech director. The MIA has been busy with different Stake class activities during the month, with the Junior Gleaner "Date with Dad" held in Napa on November 3rd and the Gleaner and M Men "Nite to Remember" held in Vallejo. Approximately 50 young people gathered to enjoy the evening of dance mixers and refreshments. The colorful decorations were provided by the Gleaners and M Men of the Vallejo Ward, while the Carquinez Ward took charge of the refreshments. The planning of this "Nite to Remember" was under the direction of Jack Johnson, and Imogene Allen, Stake Manuel Counselors.

Petaluma Branch

By MRS. NOLA BAKER.

The forces of life and death again met in the struggle for supremacy—and what a tiny battlefield they chose! The three-month old baby daughter of President Hogan Adair and his dear wife, Betty, died last week and saddened our branch with her leaving. It would almost seem that only in moments of trial do we fully appreciate our gospel. From the simple and short service the grieving mother and father gained added strength and comfort in the knowledge that they would again hold that baby within their arms. Brother Gene Baldwin conducted the services, Dr. Mark Brockbank spoke the words of comfort. And now typical of our Church that President Murdock and Brother Byrne should also take time from their busy lives to be present.

How much fun it is to raise money—especially when accomplished through the medium of a potluck dinner. Our branch did just that on Wednesday, November 14. All that wonderful food plus rib-tickling entertainment furnished by the MIA under the direction of Brother and Sister Terribiline. Sister Chenney, from Santa Rosa, gave us two chuckle-provoking readings and Sister Ray also from Santa Rosa, rendered a beautiful piano selection of her own composing.

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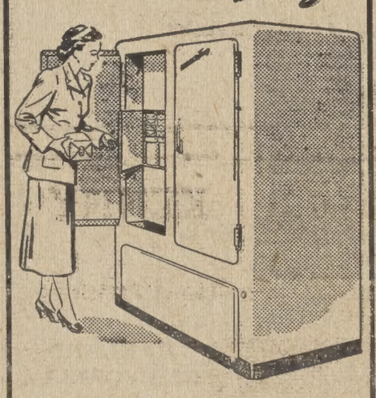
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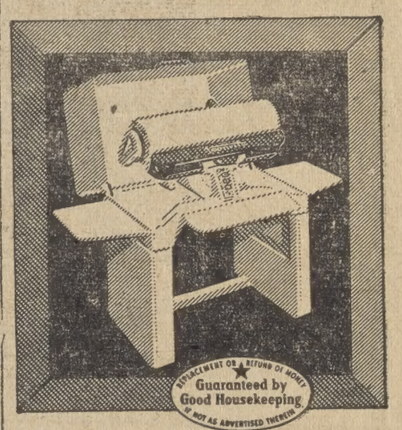

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San Francisco Ward

By LAVON PARDINI

Memorial services were held in the San Francisco ward chapel on Sunday, November 18, for Elder Gordon C. Yates, who was killed in action in Korea on October 9. Gordon is the son of Brother and Sister James W. Yates, and brother of Arlene (Bonnie) Fairchild. He was former stake M Men president and an active member of the San Francisco ward choir.

BISHOP NALDER TO HEAD A MISSION

On Monday, November 19, Bishop Claude W. Nalder received a call from the First Presidency to preside over the Central States Mission. The ward members received the news with mingled happiness and sadness—happiness because of the honor that had been bestowed upon him in this calling, and sadness in losing the leadership and wise counsel of tde bishop and his lovely and gracious wife, who has been a perfect complement to the bishop in his duties and responsibilities. Bishop and Sister Nalder have been an integral part of the lives of the ward membership for the last 24 years—the bishop having been called at the age of 26. No one who has been under the Nalders' influence, even for a short time, will ever forget them or their three wonderful children. The bishop will report to his new field of labor sometime after the first of the year.

HOWARD RUFF HONORED

Elder Howard Ruff, who has served with honor in the Eastern States Mission, and was just recently released, appeared in November on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour in New York. All his friends were disappointed that he won second place instead of first, but were pleased to hear that Howard received a long distance call soon after the broadcast, asking him to direct the Delta Phi chorus at the BYU.

Armando Pardini, brother of Mutual Superintendent Henry Pardini, has finished his basic training at Fort Ord, and is now assigned to the Presidio, San Francisco . . . Ensign Robert Hiatt has been confined to tde hospital at Treasure Island for some time now, but we hope it won't be very long before he is back in our midst. . . Nina Walker returned home, tired but happy, after an extended visit with members of her family in Minnesota, and her daughter in Norfolk, Va. Welcome back, Nina . . . Friends of Richard and Carol Bair will miss them as they have moved into the Balboa ward, and he has been released as second counselor in the Second Quorum of Elders. Gale Hammond has succeeded him in this capacity.

BRENT JONES, STUDENT BODY PREXY

We don't think it's ever been mentioned that one of our finest young men, Brent Jones, who is truly a stalwart example of the youth of the church, is also student body president at Galileo high school. True worth is always recognized.

RELIEF SOCIETY BAZAAR

The Relief Society held their annual bazaar Friday, November 2. Judging from the way things disappeared from the booths, the bazaar must have been a whopping success.

We are happy to welcome into our ward: Seymour and Jane Steed, Julian and Matie Griffin, Kent and Mildred Peterson, and Emmett Beattie—all from Sunset ward. We realize that Sunset's loss is definitely our gain.

San Rafael Ward

By PAULINE M. ROE.

The San Rafael Ward Primary are to be congratulated for sponsoring the highly successful turkey dinner and "Country Store Auction," which took place at the American Legion hall in Mill Valley. A lovely turkey dinner was served to 250 people on long tables centered with ivy and varied colored begonias. Many of our friends from San Francisco were present, including Presidents Lauper and Somers of the Stake Presidency and their wives; the missionaries from the Northern California Mission; Bishop Allred and wife, from Sunse tward and Brother Breckon and wife, from the Balboa ward; President Veda Bramwell, Beryl Theurer, Hope Peterson and Marion Nelson of the Stake Mutual Board.

Val and Dorma Christensen are leaving this week to make their home permanently in Logan, Utah. Val has been stationed at Hamilton Field and has received his discharge papers. We will surely miss them, for they have made many friends and have taken a very active part in our ward in the short time they have been here.

Cpl. Courtney M. Leishman and Pfc. Vaughn Birch were Thanksgiving day guests at the home of Bishop and Mrs. Weston L. Roe. Friends to call later in the day were Pfc. Don Cowley, Joyce Keller and Pfc. Sam Grigg.

Sunset Ward News

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

In this day when there is so much effort and struggle to obtain the material things of life, when physical strength and mental genius are a potent force to gratify man's desires, let us balance our thinking and keep in mind that the most worthwhile and priceless gift cannot be purchased with money. May we impart to a discouraged neighbor hope in an eternal future. To one living in doubt, let us give an unshakable belief in those eternal standards of truth, unchanged in all past history; that the certainties of the future overshadow the uncertainties of the present; that the message of the Savior of the world is one of "Peace," and the greatest gift cannot be purchased with earthly possessions for it comes from God, even "Peace on Earth and Eternal Life."

The young men of the Aaronic Priesthood of Sunset ward are now being given an opportunity to participate in the Fast Offering Program of the Church. As these young men call at your home please make them welcome and be appreciative of their efforts.

November 4 was a big day for two littles misses in Sunset ward. Linda Louise Rich was given a name and a blessing by her father, Parley Rich. The proud mother is Jean (Winter) Rich. Anita Louise Barton was quite proud of her grandfather, President J. Bryon Barton, as he gave her a name and a blessing. Anita's parents are Willard and Jeanne Barton.

Congratulations to Diane Kenison, Mary Jane Forbyn and Judith Kay Pike, who were baptized and confirmed members of the Church the first of November.

Pleased to see Frank Noyes passing the sacrament. Frank's father ordained him a deacon the first Sunday of the month.

Thrilled about William (Bill) Frances Kralik becoming a priest in the Aaronic Priesthood. Brother Kralik and his wife (Leslie) just recently moved into the ward. Their enthusiasm and good spirit in all that they undertake is a fine pattern for all of us to follow. Brother Kralik is stationed here with the navy as a lawyer.

S. F. Stake News

JEAN LAUPER, Reporter.

Exciting news for the whole stake and bay area: Bishop Nalder of San Francisco ward has been called to head the Central Atlantic States Mission, with his headquarters in Roanoke, Virginia. Bishop Nalder has headed the San Francisco ward for more than 20 years, and is known and beloved thruout the city. He and his wonderful wife, Mabel Martin Nalder will certainly make outstanding leaders wherever they may be called. Young Martin Nalder, recently returned from the British Mission is studying at the University of Utah. The two daughters, Nadine and Beverly are at the Brigham Young University. The Nalders expect to take over their new assignment some time in January.

Honoring the previous Relief Society Stake Presidency and board, the present leader, Gladys R. Winter and her board, are holding a luncheon party at Rickeys' Town House December 3. Other invited guests are ward presidencies and those since released who served under Sister Fullenback.

Encouraging News comes regarding High Councilman Henry E. Thompson, who, after a serious illness, is gradually regaining his health. Adelbert L. Clawson, also of the High Council, and his wife, Lillian, have moved to Mill Valley to make their home. Lillian, who has been an outstanding teacher of children for many years, has been assigned to similar activity in the San Rafael ward.

Stake Sunday School Union meeting was held November 18. Supt. D. Forrest Greene reports the new projection machine was introduced to the group by showing two films sponsored by the General Board. They were "You Can Teach Better with Pictures" and "Special Aids to Teaching." Sister Bessie Schettler, teacher training instructor of the board, gave a running commentary on the films. Two demonstrations were given: Sister Miller of Balboa Ward showed the uses of a flannel board, and Sister Liddell ing a lesson on the life of Christ with the use of the projection machine.

Interesting news of a former assistant to Brother Greene: Glen Brewer, who was sent by his company to Eureka, has accepted a position in Los Angeles with Howard Hughes enterprises. He will be associated with a group of Latter-day Saint men in the investment research department. Brother Brewer, with his wife, Joan, and their two children will go to Los Angeles in January. He may attend a school for a brief period before assuming his new position.

A son was born to Charles and Elsie Hess November 18. She was formerly of the MIA Stake Board. An emergency condition took Elsie to the hospital nearly a month early, and her doctor held up treatment until she had been administered to by Bishop Ritchie and Willard Barton. The doctor was deeply impressed with the almost immediate improvement in Sister Hess' condition. She said it was an experience she would not have missed. The baby, a boy, and their second child, will be named Charles, for his father.

The two most recent members of Bishoprics in the stake are Clarence R. Leininger, of San Rafael ward, who is a practicing physician, and Joseph R. Johnson of Sunset ward. Brother Johnson's father, Charles G. Johnson, was in the Bishopric of Linden ward for many years and the first bishop of Windsor ward, on the Provo bench, a position he held nine years. Each of these fine young men holds the position of second councilor.

Stake president of the Primary, Nell Marie Bensen, has the following message for the stake: "In 1952 the Primary will commemorate the 50th year of the publication of the "Children's Friend." The goal they have set is 50,000 subscriptions by '52. The wards are all working this month to reach a ward quota which is 75 per cent of the families in the ward having children of Primary age. The stake quota is every ward and stake officer and teacher a subscriber by January 15. We We expect to be listed on the special honor roll. In the December issue of "Children's Friend," San Francisco Stake is listed on the "summer report honor roll."

The ward Primaries are making special preparations to help with the six Christmas parties for all the children of all the wards.

Carl and Louise Anderson announce they are soon to begin work on the dances for the stake dancing festival. Now is an excellent time for newcomers to join the folk dancing classes, held every Monday night, but the third one of the month.

The entire stake was saddened by news of the death of Gordon C. Yates of San Francisco ward, which took place in Korea, October 9. Formerly a member of Sunset ward, Gordon was active in many capacities. A large crowd gathered at the San Francisco ward, Sunday afternoon, November 18, to attend a Memorial service in his honor. Gordon was an unusually fine young man and will be greatly missed by his associates. He is survived by his parents, James and Naomi Yates, and a sister, Bonnie Fairchild.

The Stake M Men and Gleaner Council has been selected with the following members: Bill Stolenzberg, chairman; Georgia Lauper, Gleaner councilor; Allyn Schroeder, M Men councilor, and the following ward members: Lewis Stone, Ronald Ray, and Gerrie Ivie, Sunset; Natalie Neff, Robert J. Peters and Gale Hammond, San Francisco; Don R. Cowley, Ann Gwynn and Coralie Eddards, San Rafael; Joan Deal, Vi-Lois Baker and Donna Harper, Mission.

Two recent parties of the stake were very successful. The Teen Thanksgiving party brought out a large group of the young folks, and the Thanksgiving dance, with Sunset MIA host to the stake, was equally successful. President Veda Bramwell announces the addition of Winifred Wilkinson to her board. Sister Wilkinson will work with the Gleaners. Sister Bramwell spent the Thanksgiving vacation visiting in Los Angeles and Gladys Wooten went to Salt Lake City to spend her Thanksgiving with her family.

● Hurrah for U of U "Redskins! The 1951, Skyline Football Championship is in the bag, percentage wise, for the Utes, following a 27-21 victory Nov. 17 over the tough Colorado State College. It's a surprise case of rising from a season's poor start to top of the heap; "from chumps to champs," to quote the Deseret News sports writer.

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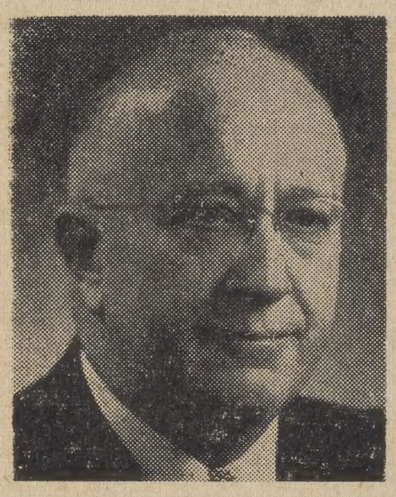

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SHALL I TROUBLE TO TRADE WITH FELLOW CHURCH MEMBERS?

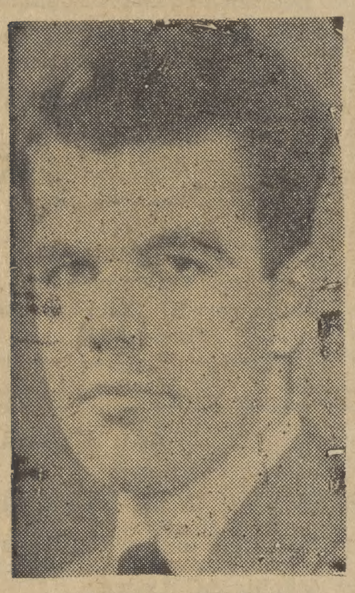
The thought of the Messenger on this question has frequently been voiced. It is "Include LDS business and professional stores and offices within the circles of your patronage."

We are creatures of habit. Often for this reason we neglect to do things we'd otherwise prefer to do on principle. One of these neglected things seems to be trading with our fellow members and thus helping one another to succeed. No doubt most of us believe it is good to trade thus, but because it takes us a little way out of our accustomed procedure we consistently fail to do so.

No one is advocating a narrow-minded view which would separate our people from general community trading regardless. LDS stores and offices should be and are willing to meet competition. All we advocate is to include our own people within the circle of our trading, even going a bit out of our way, if necessary, to do so. Often our specialized knowledge will guide one into more favorable purchases, because of stronger personal interest in their fellow members. It's worth a trial, at least, it seems to us.

One other thought. There is a certain inward satisfaction which comes to many when they go out of their way to show consideration for and interest in the welfare of the ones with whom the welfare of the ones with whom they share faith and worship. Fellow lodge members are supposed to be loyal thus to one another, by and large; if our fellow Church members feel a not dissimilar care for their fellow Church members, theirs is the satisfaction of loving one's own a little more tenderly. No one will blame them for that natural and proper sentiment.

Lynn M. Hilton Compiles First Concordance of Pearl of Great Price



LYNN M. HILTON
. . . completes concordance

The Deseret News Church Section of November 14, reports that a beautifully-bound 300 page typewritten copy of "A Concordance of the Pearl of Great Price" has just been sent to Pres. Joseph Fielding Smith, church historian, to be included in the Church Historian's library.

"Compiler of the concordance is Elder Lynn M. Hilton, now a member of the Chicago stake high council. He made this compilation during spare time while a student at the University of Utah in 1948."

This concordance, we learn, now makes a complete concordance for each Standard Work of the church as follows: that of the Book of Mormon, 1900, by George Reynolds, then a member of the First Council of Seventy; that of the Doctrine and Covenants in 1945 by Elder John V. Bluth of the church historian's staff. Many Bible concordances have been available for years.

The concordance to the Pearl of Great Price lists every word in the text except 99 small and common words. It contains 11,700 entries. It reveals that a vocabulary of 2,474 words are used in writing the Book of Abraham, the Book of Moses, the writings of Joseph Smith and the Articles of Faith, the four works included in our "Pearl of Great Price."

Lynn M. Hilton is the fifth son of Eugene and Ruth Hilton who now are filling a full-time mission in Scotland, and was raised in Dimond ward until going on his mission and to the University of Utah. Now he is at the U. of Chicago working for his Ph.D. in education. His wife is the former Annalee Hofe Averill who left for her full-term mission from Berkeley ward some years ago but since her parents had moved to Santa Monica, she returned there after completing an honorable mission. Hope and Lynn have one baby.

Deseret News Writer Praises Leo J. Muir's Book, "A Century of Mormon Activities In California"

"A Century of Mormon Activities in California: Vol. 1, by Leo J. Muir: Deseret News Press, S. L. C. 512 pages: First of two volumes, Set: $10.00.

Joseph Lundstrom, gifted Deseret News staff writer, reviews the new history of LDS in California as follows:

The question of what to give your friends for Christmas has been answered with the publication of a milestone in California historical source material. And while you are buying a copy or two to give away, make very sure you get a copy for yourself.

"A Century" is a valuable book. It will enrich your library, your knowledge, and your appreciation of the church, and it will entertain you for hours, today, tomorrow, and 10 or 20 years from now as well.

Detailed is the word for Author Muir's book. Detailed in facts, in scope, in pictures—more than 600 of them.

We like the way President Muir begins his book and we like the way he ends it. The opening page lists 11 "Vital Gospel Truths" as taught by the Prophet Joseph Smith. The final pages reproduce the erudite and always readable discourse of James E. Talmadge, "The Philosophical Basis of Mormonism."

These two selections are an interpretation of the century's activities. On the opening page the author is saying "these are the guideposts," and in the conclusion he indicates that "here is the rational explanation of why they are so."

In between these two items are 500 pages of accomplishments by the church and its members that will leave most readers astonished.

Prodigious is another word to be used in connection with the work. Prodigious must have been the labor to gather the material that is in the volume. Prodigious must have been the labor compiling and editing the material.

Every word, every picture, of which there are some very rare and hard to find ones, every page is first rate and we commend a copy for every library, be it home, church or public.

● Uranium is bonanza to Navaho Indians on their vast reservations across Northern Arizona and New Mexico. The known uranium area covers from 200 to 300 square miles and new deposits are being discovered daily. The Indians earn wages, receive royalties for royalties on ore produced. For ages uranium ore has been used in making yellow paints and dies so much used by Indians.

● S. F. Brawlby, v. p. of Shell Oil Co., said recently his organization as well as "the entire industry as a whole" is interested in the oil potential of the Rocky Mountain Region. He termed this area the industry's "last frontier."

LDS Institute of Reliigon

The Berkeley LDS Institute of Religion serves all students attending the University of California and other local universities. The program furthers the five-fold fields of worship, recreation, fellowship, scholarship and leadership.

The following were pledged to the Mormon fraternity and sorority of Lambda Delta Sigma: Jo Ann Sharp, Marlyn Hemphill, Rose Peinetti, Joyce Thomas, Louise Jeppson, Helen Carlson, Shirley Lundberg, Mary Aschmann, June Peterson, Dav Frey, Blaine Anderson Harold De La More, Doug Pimental, James Norberg, Le Roy Cooper, Leo Gill, George McGimsey, Theron Butler, Lola Stam, Natalie Johnson, Harold Eddy.

A major social event was the opening picnic and bonfire at Tilden Park. A top social activity was the dancing party constructed on the theme, "dear hunting." Each person was licensed at the door and was limited to shots in the vicinity of the heart. Prizes were awarded for the best self-made hunting costumes. At the recent "kids" party each student portrayed their dress at age five years; it was stupendous. Recently the girls had a slumber party at the Institute. The pledge party, winter formal and Leap Year party are to be featured in the future offerings.

Week-day classes are being conducted in Mormon Doctrine, Doctrine and Covenants, Book of Mormon, World Religions, Old Testament, New Testament and History of Christianity.

The engagement of Warren Blosil of Los Angeles and Georgia Jensen of Oakland was announced to their Institute friends this week.

Gene Van Wagenen and Bonnie Peterson of Sacramento were married in the Salt Lake Temple and are now students at Cal.

Vic Cline and Lois Lowe were married in the Manti Temple; Vic is now very busy working toward a PH. D. in psychology.

Marlton Simons and Lorraine Dame were recently married in the Salt Lake Temple.

Two University of California couples have announced their engagements the past week: Wm. L. Wilson of Berkeley and Johann Wheldon of Santa Monica; also David McClelland and Dwana Erickson, and Georgia Jensen, now attending U. C. (Oakland ward), and Warren Blosil who graduated from U. C., but currently is attending UCLA as a graduate student. They will be married in January at Mesa Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Clyde of Springville, Utah, have recently enrolled in the University of California. Mr. Clyde will study civil engineering.

● The last of the 1000 memorial dollars given by President Heber J. Grant, has been taken. They sold at $100 each. Mounted in brass each dollar now has returned $100 for the Primary Children's Hospital. Mt. Ogden Stake 12th Ward received the 1000th dollar in June, 1951.

● 97 year old Lovina S. Berry, widow for over 66 years of the missionary martyr, William S. Berry, who was killed by a mob in Cane Creek, Tennessee in 1884, still enjoys a peaceful life in the southern Utah town of Hurricane.

San Francisco Stake Social Calendar

DECEMBER 8—Special Interest Banquet. To be held at 7:30 at the Stake House. Byrl Theurer heads the committee and the previous parties by this group have been wonderfully interesting.

DECEMBER 10—Folk dancing at the Stake House. 7:30 for beginners, 8 o'clock for the regular class.

DECEMBER 21—Christmas parties in Mission, Sunset and San Rafael wards.

DECEMBER 22—Stake Mia Maids will gather together for caroling. Details available later.

DECEMBER 31—Stake New Year's Eve party. Under the direction of the Stake M Men and Gleaner officers, this should be lots of fun. One of Paul Laws orchestras will provide the music and there will be entertainment and refreshments. Come see the new year in. Held at the Stake House, of course.

JANUARY 5—"Stake Family" Night. A get-together of all the Stake officers for an evening of recreation.

JANUARY 7—Stake Folk Dancing. Preparations for the colorful festival which is to be an annual affair, will be well under way.

JANUARY 11—Stake Junior Gleaner and Junior M Men, Mother and Daughter and Father and Son party. A new idea that should be very interesting. Details are not yet worked out, watch for them.

Berkeley Stake Social Calendar

DECEMBER 1951 — APRIL 1952

DEC. 25—Tuesday—Annual Christmas Party and Dance, Berkeley. M Men and Gleaners; Jr. M Men and Junior Gleaners 8:30.

JAN. 18—Friday—Lucky Clover Dance (Details to be announced).

SPECIAL FUTURE DATES

FEB. 1 and 2—Friday and Saturday—Stake Road Show.

FEB. 8 and 9—Friday and Saturday—Divisional Basketball Playoffs, Division 12.

FEB. 29—Friday—Leap Year Ball, Scottish Rite Auditorium with Oakland Stake.

APRIL 18—Friday—Annual Berkeley Stake Gold and Green Ball.

New Books Reviewed

Evidences and Reconciliations Vol. 3—John A. Widtsoe, 1951. 212 pages $2.25. I. B. Ball, LDS Books.

Dr. Widtsoe of the Council of the Twelve and formerly president in turn of two universities, and author of standard scientific and Church books, for years has had rich opportunities to discuss with varieties of persons, young and old, problems of science and the restored Gospel.

The subtitle of this volume indicates the purpose behind the book; "Aid to Faith in a Modern Day."

We're appraising the readers probale zest for devouring these short treatises on knotty questions, once the book is tasted by sampling, by our own reactions. Other pressing tasks and calls become almost at once of secondary urgency as the mental satisfaction in the rich offerings mounts as page follows page. It's hard to "push away" from this sort of table of feasting. One does not often find such a rewarding volume.

"Are There Many Gods?"; "Whence Came the Temple Endowments?"; "Why Did Joseph Smith become a Mason?"; What is an Intelligence?"; "Should Church Doctrine be accepted blindly?"; "Does the Kon-Tiki Voyage confirm the Book of Mormon?"; "What is Orthodoxy?"; "Where there Pre-Adamites?"; "Where Was the Garden of Eden?"; "Should a Soldier love his enemy?"; "Was Brigham Young responsible for the Mountain Meadow Massacre?"

Must say "stop" to our pen. Space all gone! We've just begun to voice feelings this book arouses with its authoritative, logical and broad-minded discussions of 43 similar questions, puzzles one has wondered over unsatisfied for years heretofore.

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Book of Mormon Stories for Young Latter-day Saints — Emma Marr (Mrs. Mark) Peterson, 1951. 293 pages, $3.00 I. B. Ball, LDS Books.

Mrs. Peterson, encouraged and guided by her editor husband Mark Peterson of the Council of Twelve, and the request of hundreds that she provide a volume of Book of Mormon Stories to match her popular volume, "Bible Stories for Young Latter-day Saints," has written 99 three to four page stories that are simple and direct, filled with human interest.

Although some have felt the text of the Book of Mormon was heavy and uninteresting to children, when the stories are taken out and presented to young people, they learn to love them for Sister Peterson's simple and attractive manner of telling them.

The stories are strictly factual, there being no imaginative or fictionalized writing in the book. When children read, or have these stories read to them, they hear the message of the Book of Mormon presented in the sweet spirit of that great volume of Americal scripture.

We took the volume to bed with us to test its appeal to an adult and its likely interest to my grandchildren. Frankly we doubted on both scores. Now we doubt no longer. It unraveled the book of Ether, the Jaredite history, better than our rereading the original a month ago had done. I liked reading of the Jaredites first, and leaving that account lead historically and directly into the story of the Nephites. And it isn't written "down" for children, tho it is perfectly understandable and interesting for them.

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"Know the Bible," new ($2.00) enlarged fourth edition) by Benjamin B. Alward of Salt Lake City gives answers to 50 vital personal and religious questions by 800 important and familar quotations from King James version of the Bible.

A great help to all promulgating or defending the restored Gospel doctrines. Good to place in the hands of a non-member relative or friend.

It makes a splendid Christmas gift for all Christians.

Church-wide News

● June 11, 1951, the LDS Church bought a "Church Home" in Nauvoo, 105 years after the saints were driven out and across the Mississippi in the dread winter of 1846.

A modest Bureau of Information on the northwestern corner of the Nauvoo Temple Block will be established in the spacious home.

● President McKay received an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters at the University of Utah Commencement June 9, 1951. From Temple University in Philadelphia, he received a Doctor of Law degree June 14. He spoke at both places.

● The 13 stakes of Southern California recently joined in dedicatory exercises for the region's 540-acre Perris ranch near Riverside and their great Welfare Building and Deseret Industries properties in Los Angeles.

President Robertson, Chinese Mission, Depicts China's Present Plight And Saints' Call To Preach The Gospel

(The following message comes to the Messenger for our Christmas issue from Milton A. Robertson, S. F., president of the Chinese Mission.)

We would like to take this opportunity, so graciously extended us by the editor of the Messenger, Brother I. B. Ball, to thank officers and the members of the bay area stakes and wards for the greetings they have given our missionaries with open arms, and for all of the generous assistance they have rendered our mission since our arrival to labor in California amongst the Chinese peopeople, and the Japanese people also who are living in this state.

In his masterful sermon delivered to the Athenians on Mars hill, Paul said, "And (God) hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth." Our beloved president, the late George Albert Smith had a theme song which appeared at least in nearly every sermon that he delivered in which he stated, "We are all the children of our Father in Heaven." You recall the Lord said to Joseph Smith: "Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God; For, behold, the Lord your Redeemer suffered death in the flesh; wherefore he suffered the pain of all men, that all men might repent and come into him." D&C 18: 10-11.

. . . And then the words of the Master before his ascension in speaking to the eleven as they sat at meat: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

During the past two years we have been laboring in that great land of mythology, China, where for centuries God's children have not known him but instead have made gods of stone, metal and wood with their own hands, and they have served those gods and worshipped them. Only those who are familiar with the people of the Orient can realize how greatly that worship is reflected in every phase of the lives of the people.

Words fail me whenever I attempt to describe the poverty, illiteracy, hardships, suffering and lack of security in the lives of that people within China. And today that condition is even much worse as they find themselves in clutches of an anti-Christian and God-hating power, which is destroying even the little freedom and joy they had formerly possessed.

We could have helped to bring light and hope unto them, (we did bring a few that is 16 souls, into the fold and others were just about ready to accept our message) but the future was dark for our freedom to act and carry out our plans; so for the time being we were called into this field to labor, at least until conditions again become normal. Could they but comprehend the message we have for them, then God would free them from their bondage as did Israel of old.

May the spirit of Christmas bring to all of the members of this, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the realization of their great responsibility to warn the world, every nation, kindred, tongue and people and to teach them the restored gospel of the master. May that spirit bring to all a realization of the glorious peace on earth which was offered to the people of this world 1951 years ago by the Christ Child, and may we be practical in its application at this season of Christmas and always.

Northern Calif. Mission News Notes

By MAXINE WINTERTON, Mission Correspondent

During the months of November and December, President Thomas W. Gardner of the Northern California Mission is again holding missionary report meetings and district conferences throughout the mission. He has already held such meetings in Eureka, and Medford, Ore., and is scheduled to meet in Klamath Falls, Redding and Santa Cruz, during the next three weekends. He will also hold report meetings during the month of December with all the missionaries who are laboring within the bounds of the stakes.

At the present time there are 154 missionaries laboring in the mission as compared with 195 at the beginning of the year. For the past three months several married couples have arrived and a few seventies and high priests. These missionaries have answered the call of the First Presidency requesting that at least 1,000 seventies throughout the church accept the responsibility of full-time missionary work. During the month of December, 16 missionaries will be released with a possibility of only four arriving in the mission.

All the missionaries appreciate the kind and considerate treatment they have received from the members of the wards, and for the wonderful hospitality extended to them.

Notify Messenger of Change of Address

Please Notify the Messenger

Four points need to be mentioned.

1. When moving, kindly notify the Messenger of your old, as well as your new address and the wards involved. The mailman will freely furnish a form postal for this purpose. Ask HIM!

2. If moving out of our Bay Area stakes and you would still like to receive the Messenger, send 50c for one year or $1.00 for two full years.

3. When you hear of anyone who should but does not receive the Messenger, drop us a postal, or phone us. The Messenger goes out freely to all members of four Bay Area stakes. But remember, the bishops pay from ward budgets every month four cents for every Messenger mailed. Be sure, therefore, you pay into your ward budget, we plead. And enter your ad if you are in business.

4. Parents of missionaries: We send the Messenger freely to all missionaries. Notify us promptly if not receiving the paper, and give us their changes of address when they are transferred in their fields of labor, or return home.

Church-Wide News

(Culled from Deseret News)

● "The mission of Brigham Young University is to train students for religious leadership" declared Elder Harold B. Lee at a meeting of student leaders Sept. 24. And he added, "celestial leadership." There must be no cliques, no clannishness in social life at the BYU, added Pres. Ernest L. Wilkinson.

● Olive Burt, Utah author of ten books, now puts out two more, "Jedediah Smith," and "Cloud Girl," a novel about the life of a Navaho girl on an Indian reservation in Arizona. Mrs. Burt edits the Des. News Sunday Magazine. She served as a teacher on a Navaho reservation in order to gather authentic background material.

● Emma Marr Peterson, gifted author of Bible stories for Young Latter-day Saints now authors a companion volume, "Book or Mormon Stories for Young Latter-day Saints." She is the wife of Mark Peterson of the Counsel of Twelve.

● The Congregational Church, Dana and Durant Sts., Berkeley, played the entire musical part of its Oct. 14, Sunday Evening service from "The Mormon Tabernacle Choir" records and so announced before and at close of the services. Nere Loper is the minister.

● LDS Business College, Salt Lake City celebrated its 65th birthday the week of Nov. 12, 1951, announced Kenneth S. Bennion, president.

● The new manager of the Deseret Book Company is Alva H. Parry, a merchandising manager of ZCMI. He succeeds A. Hamer Reiser who has moved to Buhl, Idaho, where he joins a son in the automobile business. Mr. Parry is a native Salt Laker who has held executive merchandising positions in New York and Sacramento as well as at ZCMI in Salt Lake City.

Inter-Mt. News

● Cannon Brothers has been selected by the government as a contractor for the repair and rebuilding of large technical airforce equipment. The men are sons of the late Hugh J. Cannon and grandsons of George Q. Cannon and George F. Richards.

● The press and radio recently mentioned "the third largest attorney fee in history, $2,800,000 recently granted the law firm of which Dr. Ernest Wilkinson, new president of BYU is the senior member. The fee was granted when they won $32,000,000 in payment for the Utah Indians' lands. Now Glen Wilkinson of the firm said recently in Salt Lake City that similar claims have been filed in Salt Lake over similar claims of the Shoshone Indians and other groups numbering 10,000.

● Utah cities report a smoke blanket from the forest fires that have been raging in Northern Calif. and Oregon. It is claimed this mass of smoke has traveled from 600 to 900 miles eastward on the wings of the prevailing winds.

● The U. S. supply of uranium will be tripled during the next few years, largely because of booming production in Utah, New Mexico and Arizona, authoritative sources said Sept. 25, 1951. Until now the extreme scarcity of uranium has been the bottleneck of the A-bomb program no matter how much money Congress voted.